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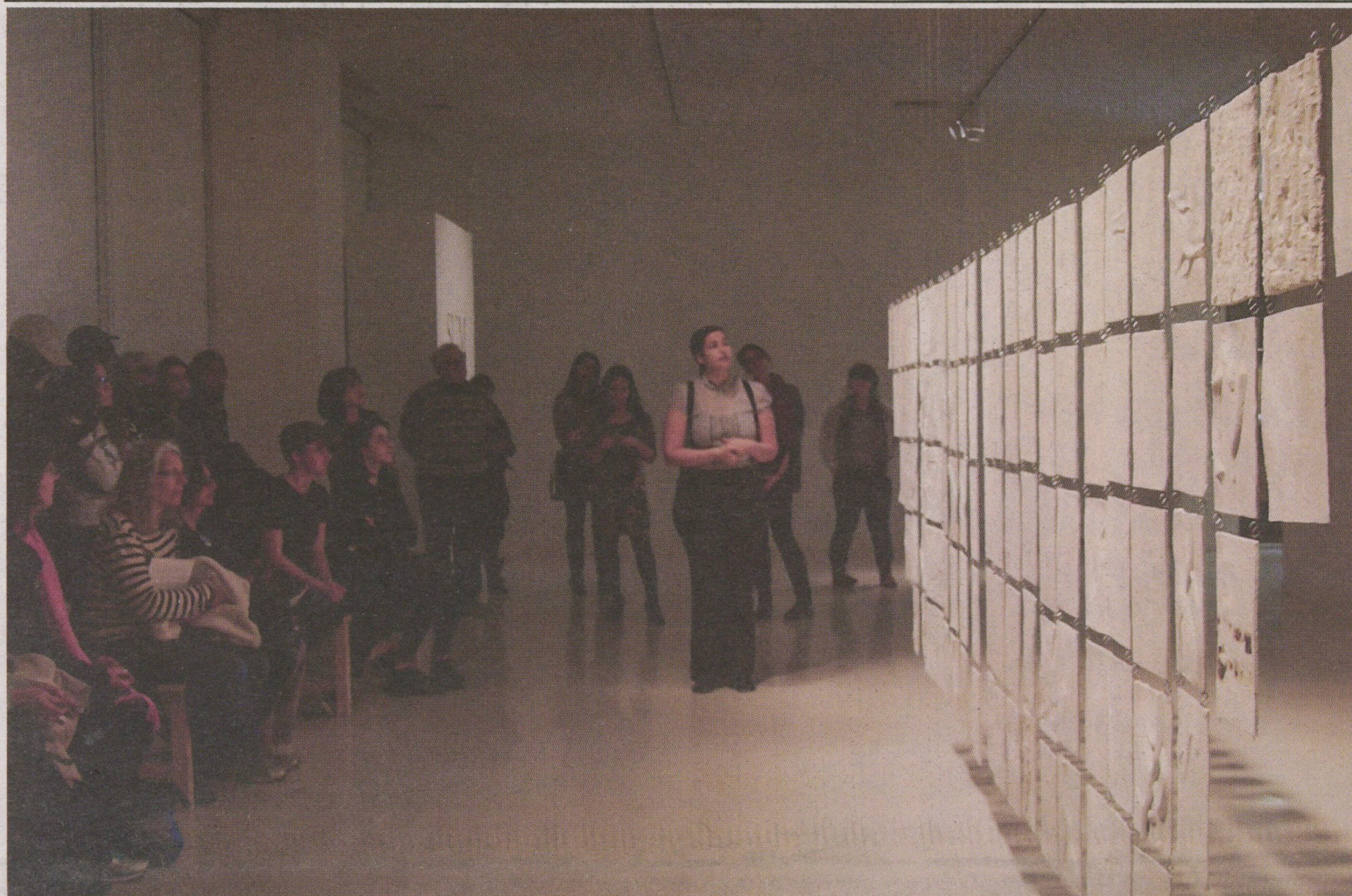
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Graduate student Heather M. Cruce, center, talks about her thesis project during the opening reception of the SUM MFA 2016 Thesis Exhibition in the Zuccaire Gallery on March 22. Cruce works with large-scale ceramic installations.

## Vigil of Hope underscores importance of mental health

By Rebecca Liebson  
Contributing Writer

Briana Locicero recalled a time during her life as an undergraduate at Stony Brook University when she felt hopeless and alone. That is what inspired her to join CHILL, a group on campus that supports mental health and wellness peer education.

"It helped me to help others who were facing what I had been facing at one time," she said.

Locicero, a medical school student and Student Health Ad-

visory Committee representative, was among several speakers who spoke candidly about suicide and mental health during the sixth annual Vigil of Hope, a program held on Thursday night in the Sidney Gelber Auditorium that was attended by about 60 students.

The event, which started with a candlelight vigil in honor of suicide victims, was sponsored by various clubs and organizations, including the Student Health Advisory Committee, Active Minds and the Undergraduate

Social Welfare Alliance. The program also included musical performances from the High C's a capella group and Music & Medicine, and provided information about on-campus resources for those struggling with feelings of depression or hopelessness.

The evening's speakers presented different viewpoints on mental health, but all underscored the importance of reaching out for support to combat feelings of loneliness and desperation.

Locicero shared a story about

how she was able to help a visibly distressed student. Seeing a boy hysterically sobbing in the Student Activities Center one day, Locicero decided to stop and talk to him. After listening to his story, she helped console him and provided him with information about helpful resources on campus.

"It was just this amazing feeling that I really wanted to spread," she said. This incident is what inspired her to start

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## New program trains faculty to communicate as public intellectuals

By Brittany Tesoriero  
Contributing Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences has developed a new program aimed at training Stony Brook University faculty and students to communicate as public intellectuals.

The program was composed of four workshops during the Fall 2015 semester and was led by Naomi Wolf, a visiting lecturer and accomplished journalist. Each workshop had a different focus and helped both professors and graduate students translate their scholarly work into terms suitable for a wider audience that may not be familiar with their topic.

The workshops have helped scholars produce work that has successfully communicated their ideas to the public.

Some scholars feared the process would not sufficiently capture their ideas and findings, according to an op-ed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* titled "Should Academics Talk to Katie Couric?" that was written by Wolf and Sacha Kopp, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In the article, Wolf and Kopp said the works of these scholars are relevant to a larger audience,

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Sacha Kopp, above, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, helped launch the public intellectual program.

## USG campaigning suspended for Elections Board vetting process

By Arielle Martinez and Rachel Siford

News Editor and Assistant News Editor

The Judiciary of the Undergraduate Student Government announced Friday that campaigning for elections is suspended until further notice.

"It is the decision of the Justice Department of the USG to suspend active campaigning beginning tomorrow, 3/26/2016 at 5:00 PM, until an elections board has been properly vetted and confirmed by senate," a post on USG's Facebook page read.

The Elections Board oversees the USG elections and makes sure the candidates are following bylaws.

Concerns about the Elections Board were brought up at the most recent USG meeting on March 24, where Sen. Maximillian Shaps said members of the Elections Board were never actually confirmed by the senate.

"The Elections Board is basically illegitimate at this point and the results of the election could even be nullified," USG President Cole Lee said. "This is unprecedented."

Lee, who is running for re-election, went on to say that he knows the Judiciary is trying to hold up the integrity of the organization, but the basic system of checks and balances does not usually lend itself to this committee making a decision like this.

"If voter turnout was lower because of this, that would be very unfortunate, but I don't necessarily think so," Lee said. "Since this never happened before, it might even generate more interest."

Shaps, who is running for vice president of communications, said the Judiciary's decision sets a bad legal precedent.

"I personally view this as a massive overstep for the Judiciary because there's nothing in the Constitution that gives the Judiciary the power to suspend campaigning or to enforce policy without a petition," Shaps said. "It's a tricky problem, but I think any legal solution is better than the Judiciary just doing what they believe is right."

Elizabeth Osei, the chief justice of the USG Judiciary, is recused

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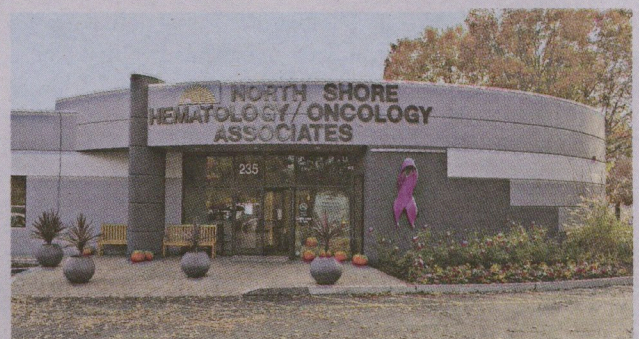
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# NEWS

## Long Island Rail Road on-time performance at worst level since 2000

By Chris Gaine  
and Nikita Ramos  
Staff Writer and Contributing Writer

The Long Island Rail Road's on-time performance has regressed for the fourth consecutive year, according to its annual operating report in February.

Just 91.6 percent of LIRR trains arrived at their destination on time in 2015. This represents a 40 percent increase in lateness over the last two years and the worst overall performance for the LIRR since 2000.

MTA spokesman Salvatore Arena said that many of the root causes of lateness are out of the MTA's control.

"It appears that delays caused by bad weather, customer emergencies, police activity and third party operations [such as Amtrak] were once again the top four causes of delays in 2015 as they were in 2014," Arena said. "These are almost always unpredictable incidents."

According to the Suffolk County Comprehensive Master Plan 2035, more than 11 percent of employed Suffolk County residents commute to New York City for work, and a third of them take the LIRR.

The delayed wait times have been problematic for many commuters. Seogin Hong commutes to Stony Brook University for classes daily and said that the wait times have often caused him to be late.

"I ride the train everyday," Hong said. "It's late about three times a week."

Sometimes, late trains can mean being late to work.

"I take the train sometimes to go home and sometimes to go to work," commuter Ethan Arnak said. "If it's work I have to call to say I can't make it to work on time, and most of the time that doesn't sound good."

The MTA said it is working on a solution to these problems.

"The long-term solutions to these service interruptions are being addressed by major infrastructure improvements that will give the LIRR more operational flexibility," Arena said. "The opening of East Side Access and direct service to Grand Central Terminal will split the Railroad ridership, easing congestion at Penn Station. The addition of second track on the Ronkonkoma Branch and a third track on the Main Line will allow the Railroad to operate ser-



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Commuters wait for a train at the Stony Brook LIRR station. Only 91.6 percent of LIRR trains arrived at their destination on time in 2015, according to an annual operating report.

vice around delayed trains."

These proposals, however, will take years to complete.

"East Side Access is scheduled for completion in 2023, the second track on the Ronkonkoma Branch by 2019," Arena said. "The third

track for the Main Line is still only a proposal, that may be a decade away, the improvement in on-time performance will come gradually as these projects are completed."

The lack of an immediate plan to address punctuality on the LIRR

has not stopped the MTA from raising rates. The MTA approved a four percent fare hike in 2015.

"I think it's unfair," Hong said of the price hikes. "I take the train for just one stop and it costs \$3 so I think it's very expensive."

## Campus Briefing: USG Elections Board's legitimacy called into question

By Arielle Martinez  
News Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government senate revealed at its meeting on Thursday evening that members of the USG Elections Board have not been confirmed by the senate in three years, calling the board's legitimacy into question in the middle of election season.

The USG Code states that members of the Executive Council or senate may nominate students to the Elections Board, and the senate must confirm nom-

inations with a majority vote of filled seats. However, Malik Archer, the current Elections Board chair, said this is not how board members have been chosen in recent years.

"Only the chair was vetted, and the chair does the appointing for whoever they've deemed should be on the board," Archer, who was confirmed by the senate earlier this semester, said in an interview.

The section of the USG Code that requires senate confirmation for Elections Board members was discovered after an unidentified

club leader asked a question about election bylaws to USG officials, Sen. Maximillian Shaps said.

"I think it was just an oversight, honestly," Shaps said in an interview after the meeting.

A bill to suspend the Elections Board and to give the board's responsibilities to the USG administrative director was ultimately tabled after the senate went into an executive session. The bill will likely not be reconsidered.

"It was too harsh of a solution," Shaps said. "We want to maintain the legitimacy of the board as best we can."

Conflicts of interest would arise if senators running in the elections were to vet Elections Board members.

"We want to handle this in a way that does not reflect the interests of parties or people running for re-election," Shaps said. "So we want to make it as nonpartisan as possible."

After the executive session, the senate decided that the best solution would be to create a coalition of senators and Executive Council members who are not running in this year's elections to vet the current members of the Elections

Board, Shaps said. Members of the Elections Board must maintain a 2.5 grade point average and they remain members of the board until they resign, run for office or graduate, according to the USG Code.

The senate also passed an act at Thursday's meeting that requires the Elections Board chair to give weekly reports to the senate.

"Basically what this act does is tries to hold the Elections Board chair accountable to the Senate and Executive Council," Sen. Alexander Bouraad said during the meeting.

## Stony Brook first in NY approved for Ambulatory Transfusion Services

By Mahreen Khan  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University Hospital has become the first EMS provider in the state to gain approval as an Ambulance Transfusion Service.

The approval of this initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Stephen Slovinsky, EMS director for the hospital, allows for more timely and effective medical treatment for critical patients.

"It means that we can provide better service to the patients," Slovinsky said.

The approval affords paramedics the ability to administer blood components to patients during transport from one hospital to the next.

This is especially important for trauma patients and those with low blood pressure, for whom every moment without access to blood is increasingly dangerous.

Robert Delagi, director of the

Suffolk County EMS and Public Health Emergency Preparedness department, praised Stony Brook University for obtaining this new designation.

"Its importance is really more focused on [the hospital] as the tertiary care center, not the county in general," Delagi said. "This allows the hospital to transport patients with blood transfusion in progress, facilitating the ongoing lifesaving treatment of patients between [the hospital] and other facilities."

What this ultimately does is reduce the time approaching definitive treatment, Delagi said.

Slovinsky, who completed all necessary paperwork, designed the program and worked to ensure that all state-mandated guidelines were adhered to, said the hospital transports many critically injured and sick patients from community hospitals in Suffolk County.

Trips from these hospitals can each take up to an hour. With this

new approval, EMS personnel are now able to stabilize and maintain patients' vital signs.

"It was something that was important for us to do because we move a lot of critically injured, medically sick patients, and we saw it as something that would help improve outcomes," Slovinsky said.

"Prior to this approval, EMS personnel (paramedics) were not allowed to administer blood products to patients in the ambulance," Associate Director of Operations for Emergency Services and Internal Medicine Eric Niegelberg said in a news release. "This meant that if a patient was being transferred here from another hospital and emergently needed a blood transfusion we had to ensure that a nurse or other appropriate credentialed person was on the ambulance. This could result in delays of transfer for critically ill patients."

In the news release, Niegelberg credits the hospital's Blood



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Paramedics from Stony Brook University Hospital can now administer blood components to patients during transport.

Bank team and EMS team for their collaboration in making this approval possible.

"The Trauma Center applauds this service enhancement," Dr. James Vosswinkel, the hospital's Chief of Trauma, Emergency Sur-

gery and Surgical Critical Care, said in the news release, "as it can ensure lifesaving treatments for interfacility transfers who require the administration of blood products en route to the Regional Trauma Center."



## USG to create committee to vet Elections Board members after confirmation debacle

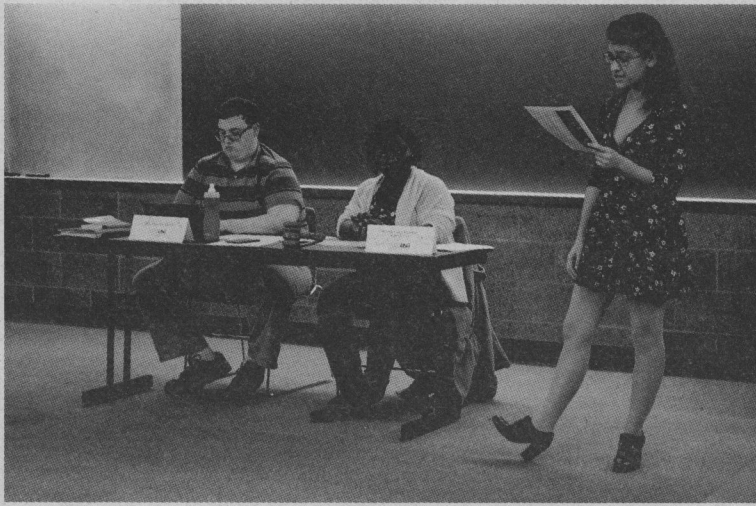
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from the matter because she is running for USG president. Catherine Work, the acting chief justice of the Judiciary, did not return a phone call from *The Statesman* requesting a comment before the publication of this article.

USG is currently working on creating a special vetting committee made up of senators and Executive Council members who are not running in the elections to vet the members of the Elections Board, Shaps said. But he added that he did not know how long the vetting process would take.

Taylor Bouraad, the USG treasurer, said she will likely be on the committee and she wants the vetting process to be done within a week.

"We're in the middle of budgeting," she said, referring to the



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**USG Treasurer Taylor Bouraad, right, addresses the senate on Thursday, Feb. 25. She said she did not want the vetting of the Elections Board to interfere with USG's budget process.**

process of allocating about \$3 million in funds from the Student Activity Fee to the budgets of clubs, organizations and USG agencies for next year. "I'm go-

ing to push for this to be done quickly because if it's not, this is going to affect budgeting. People tend to care more about elections than budgets."

## Police Blotter

On Monday, March 14 at 9:10 a.m., an unknown individual reportedly attempted to steal an ATM from the Administration Building. The case remains open.

On Monday, March 14 at 1:23 a.m., police arrested one individual in University Hospital Emergency Room on suspicion of menacing.

On Tuesday, March 15 at 11:35 p.m., police found graffiti in the Staller Center. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, March 15 at 11:06 p.m., an unknown individual reportedly stole a bike from James College. The case remains open.

On Friday, March 18 at 5:34 a.m., a patient at University Hospital allegedly bit a staff member's hand. Police arrested the patient.

On Friday, March 18 at 1:48 p.m., an unknown individual reportedly damaged the window of a parked, unattended vehicle at South P. The case is now closed.

On Saturday, March 19 at 9:26 a.m., an unknown individual reportedly took jewelry from an unattended bag in the staff lounge of University Hospital. The case remains open.

Compiled by  
Brittany Bernstein

## Speakers and performers highlight mental health at candlelight vigil

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CHILLfriends, a project with the goal of inspiring Stony Brook students to reach out to others who may need a companion or just someone to talk to.

Another speaker, Julian Pessier, Ph.D., interim director of Counseling and Psychological Services, admitted that he too had a tendency to struggle with hopelessness, but that it is something he continues to work on every day.

Pessier highlighted some of the new mental health services available to students, including animal assisted therapy, mindfulness meditation therapy and CAPS After Hours, a 24-hour support hotline for those struggling with depressive or suicidal thoughts.

The final speaker, poet, author and 2014 Stony Brook graduate Steven Licardi, said although he had struggled with suicidal thoughts at one point, he was fortunate enough to receive the help he needed because he took the first step and reached out to someone. He urged the audience

to reach out to those who may be feeling depressed.

"You have that power as well to help somebody," Licardi said, "to realize that this moment right here is a gift even though it can be hard to see that sometimes."

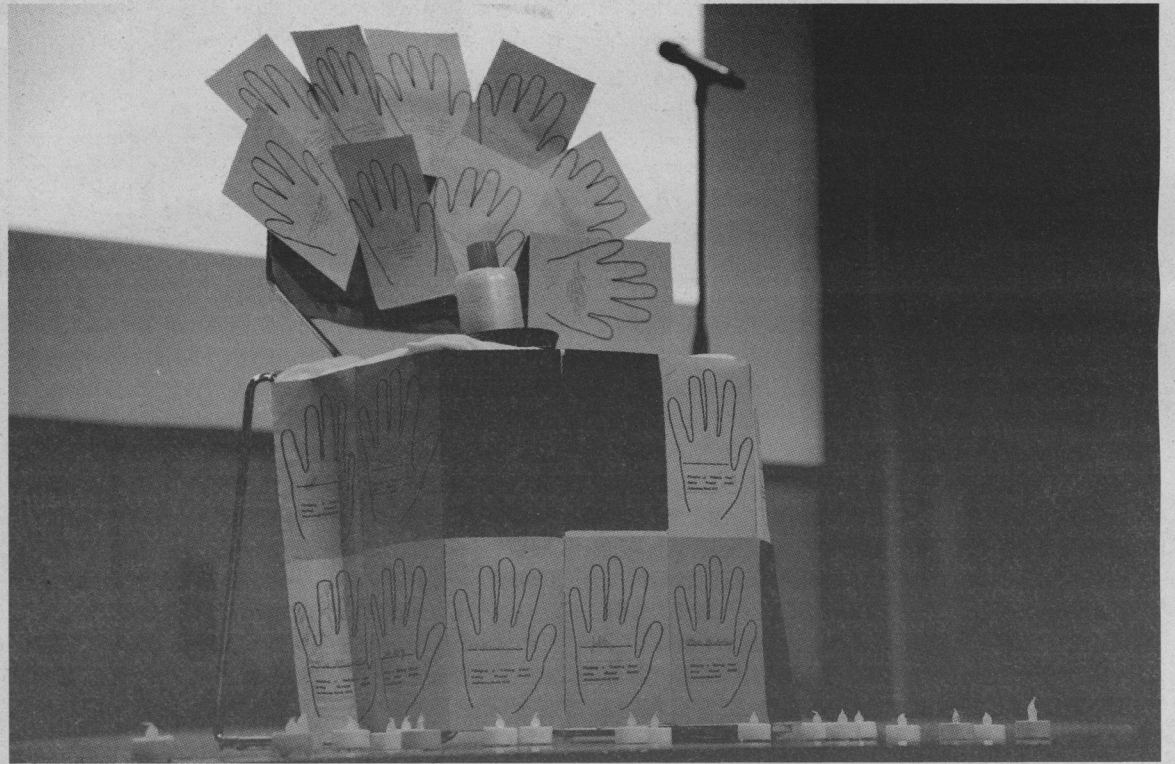
The evening had some touching moments, including a spoken word performance led by Licardi that answered the question: "What if we looked like what we've been through?"

The performance touched on the importance of empathy, acknowledging that even though all people face hardships, people can learn to overcome feelings of depression through human connection.

"I'm more than what I've been through, I'm infinitely stronger," Licardi said.

Another moving moment was a ceremony at the start of the program in which members of the audience each came up to the stage to light a candle, followed by Active Minds president Emilia Leon reading an Emily Dickinson poem titled "If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking."

Among the organizations represented at the event were Theta



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**A shrine showing solidarity for victims of bullying was presented during the sixth annual Vigil of Hope on the stage of the Sidney Gelber Auditorium on Thursday, March 24.**

Phi Alpha sorority, Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, Circle K International, the High C's, the Long Island Water Environment Association, the National Society of Professional Engineers, Psi Chi

Society, Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Diversity Peer Educators, Sigma Beta Honor Society, the Psychology Student Alliance and the Tobacco Action Coalition.

"This night was all about

connecting people he need help with the right resources," psychology major Joe Verderber, one of the evening's hosts, said. "I think that's exactly what we accomplished."

## College of Arts and Sciences helps scholars communicate ideas to the public

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but the challenge has been figuring out how to communicate the scholars' knowledge without simplifying or compromising it. They found that being successful in communicating scholarly work to the public is what makes for a public intellectual.

One of the most successful scholars to take part in the workshop was Turhan Canli, Ph.D., an associate professor of integrative neuroscience.

His TEDx talk about the re-

lationship between depression and inflammation was picked up by NPR after it was posted to social media.

"I think that scientists should do their best to communicate their work to the public," Canli said in an email. "I think Stony Brook has a growing reputation for being at the forefront of communicating science."

Success was also seen from graduate students. Helana Darwin, a workshop participant studying sociology, wrote a blog post for The Huffington Post titled "To Shave or Not to

Shave: If Only Women Had a Free Choice."

Her blog post explored the relationship between female body hair and perception of appearance.

Kopp is well acquainted with the barrier between intellectuals and the public. His background is largely in science and he has written over 200 scholarly articles.

He has seen the effects of integrating intellectual discourse and public knowledge.

"We get very excited about why this stuff is so important and

why we think it's important, but the public doesn't know about it, and that's a real loss," Kopp said.

Stony Brook is one of the first institutions to develop such a program.

The program's success is not only reflected in the accomplishments of professors and graduate students, but it has also expanded to concentrate on undergraduate students.

Kopp has recently begun to consider offering a certificate program that focuses on training undergraduate students to become public intellectuals. A

program of this kind would challenge students to think about how their skills apply in the real world, regardless of their academic discipline.

Since the program generated such success in its first cycle, another workshop was completed earlier this semester with another one on the way.

"We learned that some groups are ready to run at a different level, and other groups we need to tailor it a little bit more closely to where they're at," Kopp said in reference to what future workshops will look like.







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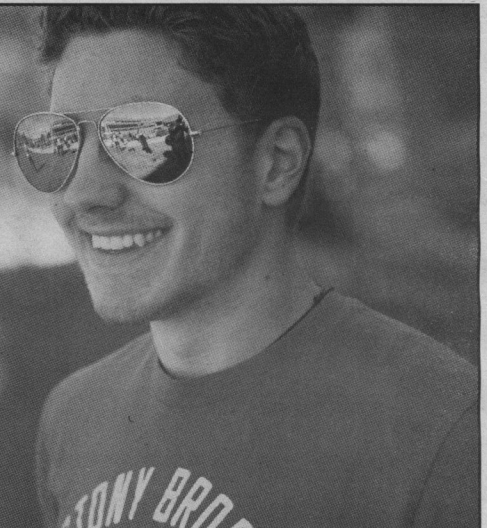
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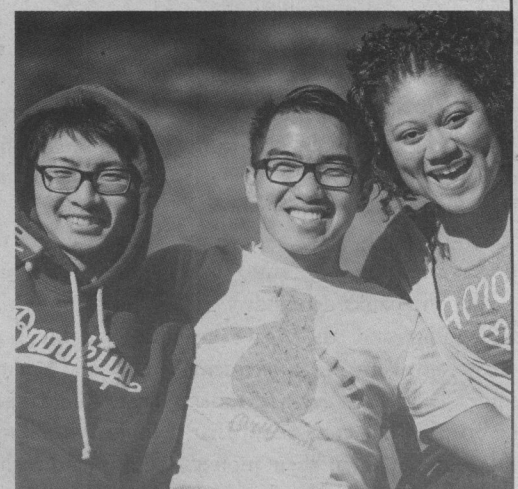


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## "A Night On Brookway" musical performances transform Stony Brook into New York City

By David Pepa  
Contributing Writer

Students came to the "A Night on Brookway" event on March 23 to donate to the BroadwayCares fundraising organization, and to enjoy some Broadway entertainment.

The night was organized by the University Scholars Program.

The University Scholars Program is a group of high achieving students at Stony Brook. Students in the program make connections with faculty and obtain research and leadership opportunities on campus.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is one of the nation's leading industry-based, non-profit AIDS grant-making organizations.

The group uses Broadway music and performances to raise money for those who are fighting against HIV/AIDS.

Jeremy Marchese, advisor and senior staff assistant for the University Scholars program, said "The Night on Brookway event came out of a SCH 101 student group project proposal last fall, so this is the first time we are hosting the event."

Arienne Shapiro, the host of the event, introduced the event and discussed how the fundraiser works and how they use Broadway to do it.

"This project was very important to me and I got the e-mail saying

that my project was chosen, I started to cry a little bit," Shapiro said.

"One of the reasons why we chose this charity is because it's very significant and I'm very passionate about Broadway and theater in general," Shapiro said.

The first performance began with Shapiro singing "Thank You For The Music" from "Mamma Mia" with singer/songwriter, Amanda Jayne on guitar.

Things started to get loud when the cast of "American Idiot" came to the stage. The cast performed a musical number: When the music stopped, everyone was at the edge of their seats.

In between performances, Shapiro announced the winners of the raffle for prizes. Some of the prizes included a box of Munchkins, signed posters and payrolls from the Broadway musical "Matilda."

Later on, Isabella Perez-Pecchio, a representative of AIDS Peer Education, gave a keynote speech about how the group works to help those who are in need. Those effected by various illnesses took the stage to help encourage people to fight against AIDS and HIV and support the cause.

When the speech ended, members of the "American Idiot" cast came on stage and performed songs from "Legally Blonde" and "Rent."



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The nonprofit organization Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is based in New York City. They have raised over \$250 million for causes towards HIV and AIDS.

After the second round of the raffle, Mr. Feffer's Improv Troupe took the stage and entertained the audience with their comedy.

The performance revolved around a comedic audition. The audience flooded the ballroom with laughter.

The final performance of the evening was from "Swallow This!," an on campus theater group that reads stories to help prevent alcohol, drugs, and suicide on campus.

The stories that they told to the crowd were called "The Unanimous It" and "Safety

and Sexy." "Were hoping to raise \$1,000 for Broadway Cares," Marchese said.

When the night came to a close, the event had surpassed its goal and fundraised \$1,700 for the fundraiser.

## Silence of the Symphony: Long Island Philharmonic closes

By Rena Thomas and  
Francesca Campione  
Arts & Entertainment Editors

In an abrupt farewell, the Long Island Philharmonic announced in early February that it will close immediately.

Upsetting audiences and music lovers across Long Island, the philharmonic will stop performing after 36 years of concerts loved by the community.

"It is just very sad," Lillian Barbash said. Barbash and her late husband, Murray Barbash, were members of the founding board of the Long Island Philharmonic.

The couple crusaded to bring quality music events from a local orchestra to Long Island.

"It seems like everybody is going to have to hear music on their iPhone or iPad and will have no chance to see it live and be there and hear music at its height," Barbash said.

Financial issues were cited as the cause of the group's swift departure from performing.

"The Board of Directors worked very hard over the last five years to get its finances back into the black, but the banks demands were overwhelming and they gave us no chance to work out a payment schedule," Lawrence Levy, a member of the Board of Directors said, "That would've gotten them their money and kept the music playing."

The Long Island Philharmonic is not the first group to stop the music.

It is part of a national pattern of orchestral closings and musical bankruptcies. However, the Long Island Philharmonic outlived other nearby musical groups.

Also feeling the financial strain, The New York City Opera filed for bankruptcy in 2013. The Brooklyn Philharmonic closed in 2013 and the Syracuse Symphony closed and reopened, only to close again in 2011.

Retired music professor at Syracuse University, Dr. John Laverty attributes these cultural casualties to the 2008 economic downward turn.

"It [the closings] is not just a lone locality," Laverty said, "You have to think about it on a macro-level," he said.

The bigger issue at hand is the lack of funding for fine arts and performing arts ranging from beginner levels or talent all the way to professional groups, like the Long Island Philharmonic.

"It [the recession] was the thing that pushed a lot of orchestras to a place where they have to restructure," Laverty said.

According to Laverty, highly acclaimed orchestras and symphonies were in economic danger, like The San Antonio Symphony, The Louisville Orchestra and, to the music community's biggest surprise according to Laverty,

Chicago Philharmonic.

"It was pretty ugly," Laverty said. "They limped along life support through donations."

According to Laverty, the cost of running a philharmonic can get expensive to the point where ticket sales alone cannot cover the cost.

A typical philharmonic employs 60 to 90 musicians.

There is hope for some philharmonics, like the Chicago Philharmonic's revival, according to Laverty.

"There are orchestras that come through the financial down turn and kept afloat," Laverty said.

The Chicago Philharmonic, aside from profit and donations, raised funds through recording their classical creations.

The group's music was featured in the soundtrack for the film "Lincoln" by Steven Spielberg.

"They are putting out wonderful product," Laverty said, "A product people are willing to spend money on."

Former Chairman of the Philharmonic and former Stony Brook business professor Larry Austin expressed his disappointment about the closing.

"We put thirty years in it," Austin said, "It is a great orchestra we enjoyed playing Long Island."

Austin was a personal friend of the late folk-singer Harry Chapin



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The Long Island Philharmonic was founded in 1979.

when he founded the philharmonic in 1979.

"I was there on New Year's Eve with 2,000 people," Austin said, "2,000 people are going to lose the philharmonic."

Aside from formal concerts, the philharmonic performed in local parks and schools across the island, according to Austin.

The Long Island Philharmonic has performed in venues like Eisenhower park as well as Stony Brook's

very own Staller Center before the rise of the Stony Brook University in house Philharmonic.

"These people are not going to be able to go to the music," Austin said.

"The arts are taking a different course today, you are not getting it live and I don't know if it is a good replacement," Barbash said. "There is something you lose when you are not right there when the music is performed."








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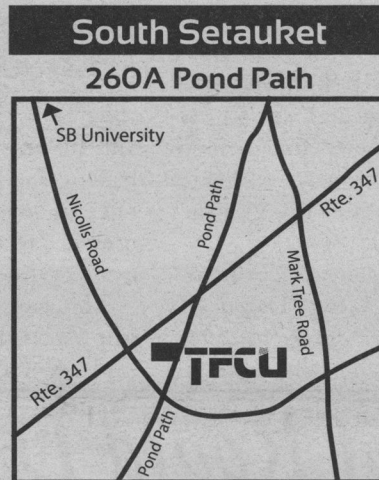
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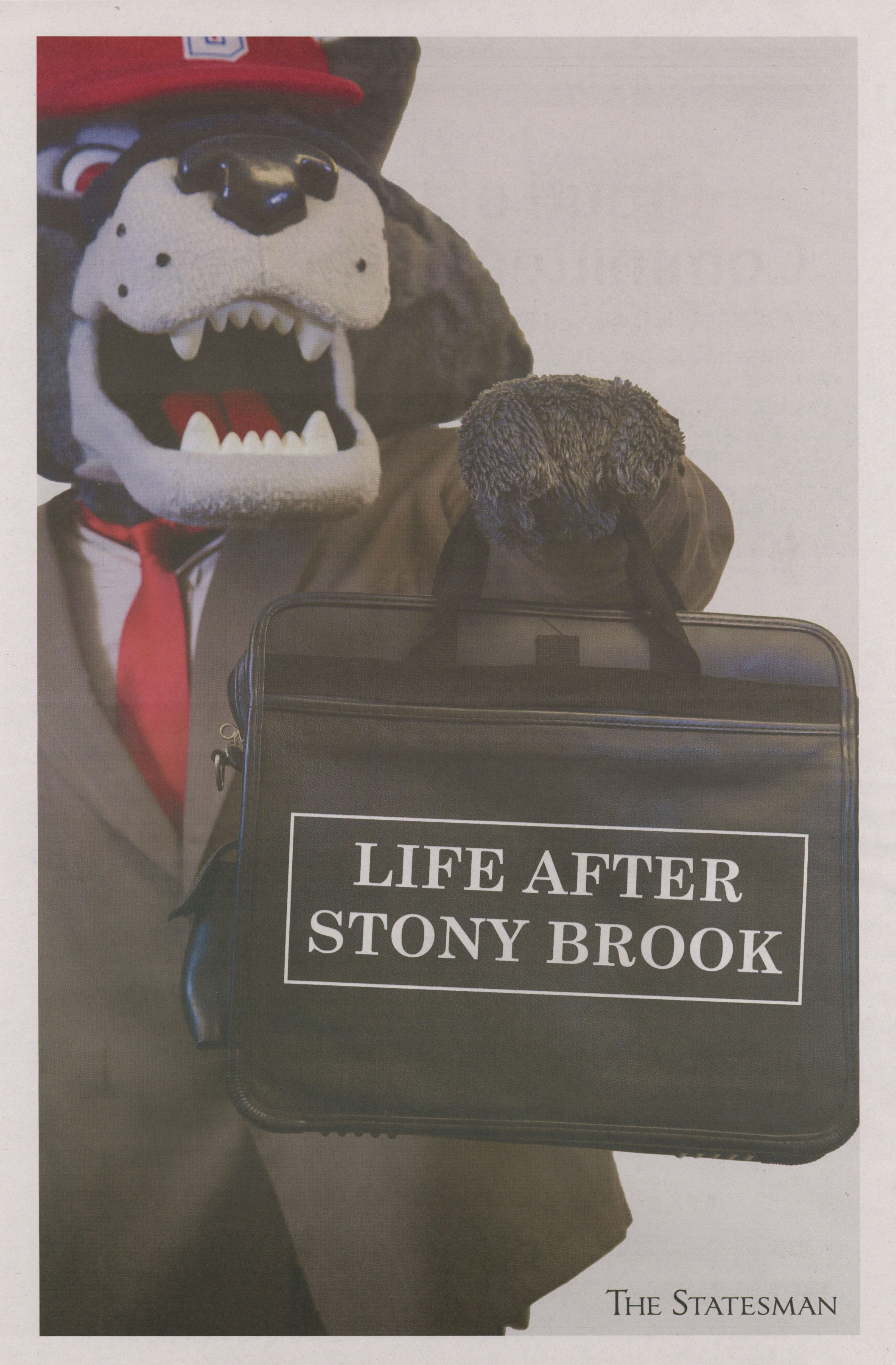
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Ruchi Shah, above, holds a prototype bottle of Mosquitoes Be Gone, a mosquito repellent she started developing in high school. *Krysten Massa / The Statesman*

# BUZZ-WORTHY



## Student's company wins \$10,000 prize

By Kelly Saberi,  
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Contributing Writer

Senior biology major Ruchi Shah is the founder and CEO of Mosquitoes Be Gone LLC, but she has not even graduated yet.

In fact, she started developing her all-natural mosquito repellent when she was in high school.

The inspiration for her research came from a trip to India, where she saw long lines of people waiting for treatment of mosquito-related illnesses.

The liquid is meant to be sprayed on the skin to neutralize a nitrogen component in human sweat that makes mosquitoes more attracted to perspiration.

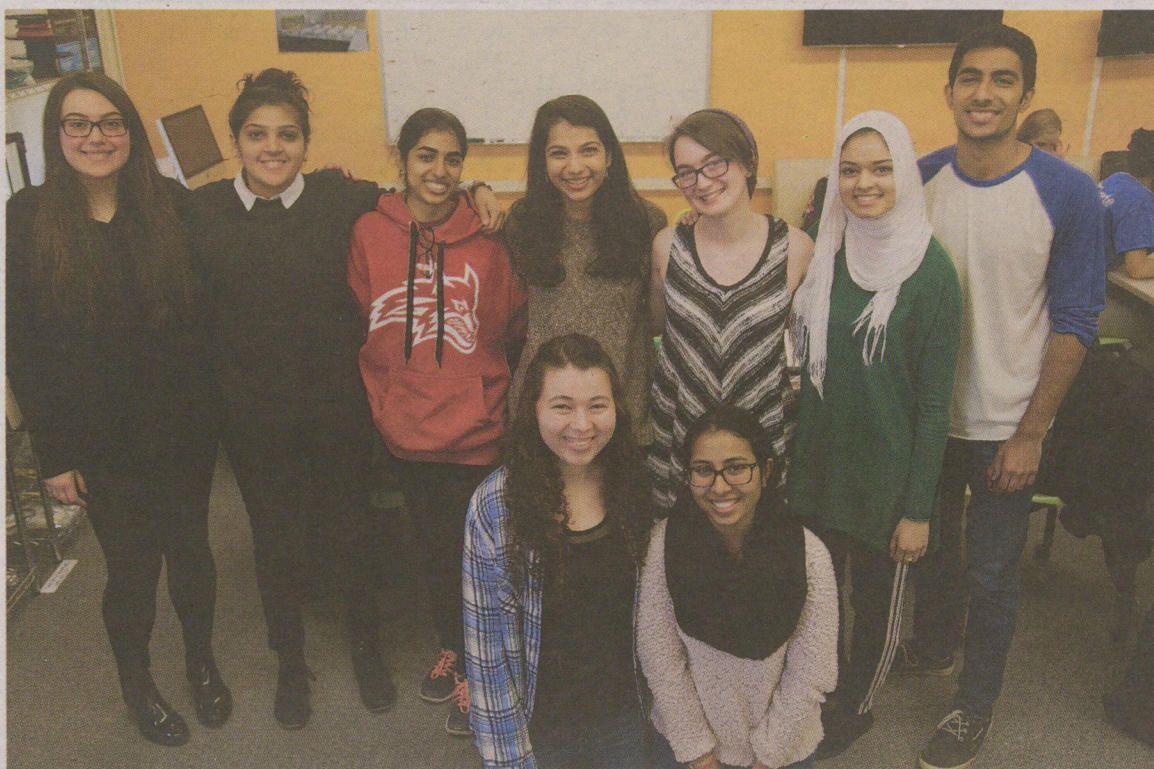
This past month, Shah was the winner of the College of Business Social Entrepreneurship Competition and received a \$10,000 award.

The money will serve to simultaneously get the product patented and get the Institutional Review Board's approval in order to work with human subjects for the final product testing.

"Right now, we're finalizing our packaging and our logo, and we're picking bottles and so it's all the fun aesthetic stuff that we get to do," Shah said.

There are approximately 63 repellent manufacturing industries across the U.S. with \$168 million in revenue, according to insect repellent industry statistics on IBIS World.

The company is planning on selling products in smaller health food stores and farmer's markets to build



Ruchi Shah, center, and her team work in the Innovation Lab. *Krysten Massa / The Statesman*

a consumer base before expanding to larger stores and pharmacies.

Long Island has dealt with mosquito-borne illnesses in the past. In 2014, U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.) called on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help tackle a 220 percent rise in Asian tiger mosquitoes that carry dengue fever.

Mosquitoes Be Gone is the only repellent on the market that works by neutralizing a nitrogen component in human sweat so that mosquitoes will be less attracted to perspiration. The product also does not contain carcinogens like DEET, an active ingredient found in many repellents. Shah said that many parents on Long Island are

looking for safer alternatives to regular sprays.

"I believe Mosquitoes Be Gone is very relevant, especially considering the various diseases carried and transmitted by mosquitoes," Carrie Anne Miller, director of the Women in Science and Engineering, or WISE, Program, said.

Mosquitoes kill 725,000 people every year in comparison to sharks, which kill 10 people annually, according to The Gates Foundation. The same study said that developing countries suffer the hardest from mosquito-borne illnesses.

"Not that many people know the dangers of mosquitoes," Rohan Maini, an intern at Mosquitoes Be

Gone, said. "It's the most dangerous animal besides humans."

The company's goal is to use its profits in the U.S. to donate repellents to developing countries.

"For a lot of people, they don't want intervention," Shah said. "It's not only about bringing the repellents, it's about educating people because they need to understand that preventing against mosquito-transmitted diseases is important."

Analysts at Sandler Research predict the mosquito repellent market will grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 7.44 percent until 2019.

The company has not decided on the price for their product yet. However, Mosquitoes Be Gone will

be sold at a slightly higher price than mainstream repellents, Shah said.

"Initially, we would be producing smaller quantities, making it at home and bottling it ourselves," Shah said. "It's probably going to be more costly for us so the prices would be a little bit higher so that we can make some profit to bring these repellents to people."

If demand for Mosquitoes Be Gone increases, the price might be lowered to about \$3 to \$4 for a four-ounce, six-ounce or eight-ounce bottle, making it more affordable for people in the United States.

The popular spray Off!, a synthetic brand, is priced at about \$6 for four ounces in Target. Currently, organic bug repellents cost about triple the predicted price of Mosquitoes Be Gone. For example, The Honest Company's insect repellent is priced at about \$13 for a four-ounce bottle.

"That also means that the more bottles we sell here the more bottles we can bring abroad too, so that's kind of the goal," Shah said.

Manuel London, the dean of the College of Business at Stony Brook University, led the Social Entrepreneurship Competition.

"Mosquitoes Be Gone is a model for how we would like to see other businesses develop from student ideas," London said. "It would be great if more students could follow Ruchi's model to develop their ideas for a business from their innovations in STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math] fields."

*Disclosure: Shah is a staff writer for The Statesman.*

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# BEYOND THE BALL

## Former athletes in new roles

By Kunal Kohli,  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Athletics is no stranger to producing success stories. Just a quick glimpse at the list of alumni will give you names like six-time MLB All-Star pitcher Joe Nathan and NFL tight end Will Tye. However, Stony Brook has not only produced stars on the field, but off of it as well.

Getty Images photographer and former Stony Brook Patriot Al Bello is a testament to the program's goal of producing winners all around. The award-winning photographer has been around sports all of his life, but did not begin photographing them until he was a junior at Stony Brook.

He took an introductory photography class and his passion grew from there.

"It was natural for me to photograph things that I was familiar with, which was sports," Bello said. "I wound up going to a lot of sporting events that my friends played... It was just easy for me to go to the games and see what I can do. The fun part was my friends being very appreciative of me giving them prints of them playing... The connection I had with the people I photographed and their emotions of when they looked at a picture I took stuck with me in a way that made me want to keep doing it."

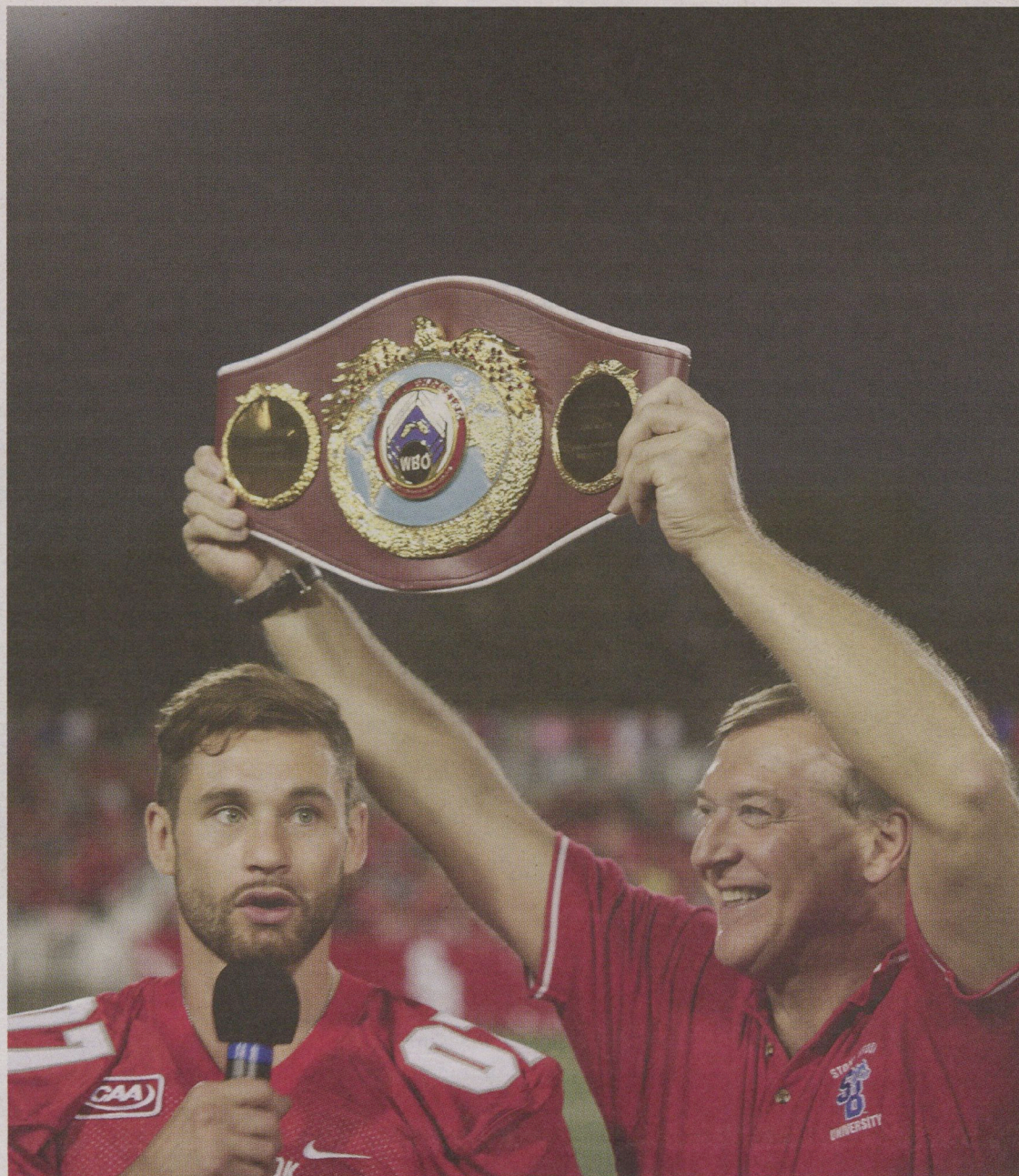
Many have found their passion at Stony Brook. For Michigan women's basketball head coach Kim Barnes Arico, it was on the court. Barnes Arico came to Stony Brook as a freshman looking to make waves with the women's basketball team. She did, helping lead the team to the NCAA Division III Tournament in 1989.

However, the Mastic Beach-native found a new home in Montclair State University. She then went on to coach at Fairleigh Dickinson-Madison, Adelphi and became the winningest coach in St. John's history. Barnes Arico then went on to become the head coach for Michigan.

Like Barnes Arico, Bello was an athlete. He was a scrawny 5-foot-9-inch, 175-pound inside linebacker back when he took the field for the Patriots. His proudest moment was just being able to keep up with those surrounding him on the soccer fields the university once had to use for football games.

Now, Bello is part of a community that cheers on the Seawolves. He follows them through the newspaper and keeps in touch with his old coach, Sam Kornhauser. He cheers on his alma mater and helps fuel them.

But, as Bello said, the relationship goes both ways. Sometimes the university fuels an athlete. That was the case with Chris Algieri.



Chris Algieri, left, with President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. at the 2014 Homecoming football game. Algieri graduated from Stony Brook in 2007. *Manju Shivacharan / The Statesman*

During his time at Stony Brook, Algieri was not part of athletics. Rather, he trained in kickboxing and went professional at 19-years-old. He was also a health science major, trying to make his way at college.

Before his fight against Manny Pacquiao, Algieri went to a Stony Brook football game where fans surrounded him. They were just Stony Brook fans, but Algieri fans as well. While he was not necessarily an athlete for the school during his years there, he represented it after he graduated.

However, some former Stony Brook athletes do not necessarily venture into the world of sports. Billionaire Glenn Dubin is an alumni of Stony Brook's football program. Dubin was once a running back for the Patriots and also played on the lacrosse team.

While he was a two-sport athlete during college, Dubin did not go on to make his fortune playing professional sports. Rather, he joined his childhood-friend and started a hedge-fund management firm, Highbridge Capital Management.

In late 2004, J.P. Morgan Chase bought Highbridge Capital Management for \$1.3 billion.

Dubin has used his fortune to improve his alma mater, donating \$4.3 million to construct the Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center. He and wife pledged \$5 million to the cre-

ation of an indoor practice facility for the Seawolves.

Not only does he contribute to the athletic program through funding, Dubin is also a regular at football and men's lacrosse games.

Former athletes make up much of Stony Brook's community. Many contribute to Stony Brook's Seawolves United initiative, which fundraises for the Athletics Department. "I try and support any way I can," Bello said.

Giving back to Stony Brook does not necessarily mean donating money.

For adjunct professor Burton Rocks, giving back means inspiring students in the same manner that he was inspired. The author-turned-sports agent turned professor has been inspired by the university time and time again.

Rocks got his start at Stony Brook through the Honors College. He honed his writing skills and, once he was two years removed from law school, collaborated with the late-Clyde King on "A King's Legacy: The Clyde King Story." After that, he wrote eight more books and dedicated himself to becoming a sports agent.

He found his passion, just as Bello and so many others have.

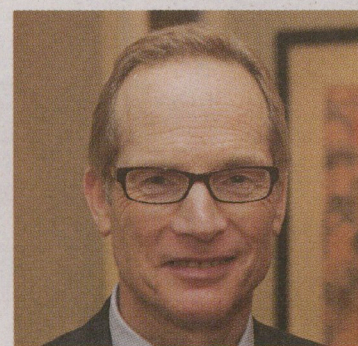
"I had no clue going in [to Stony Brook] what I wanted to do, I just liked playing football," Bello said. "I left with an ambition."



Al Bello.  
*Stony Brook University*



Kim Barnes Arico.  
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Glenn Dubin.  
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## SEAWOLVES IN THE PROS

The following are select Seawolves alumni who are currently playing professionally.

### Baseball

#### Joe Nathan (1995)

Six-time MLB All Star, Top-Five in Cy Young Award voting twice. Currently a free agent who is looking to pitch in 2016

#### Tom Koehler (2008)

Second all time in strikeouts, fourth in innings pitched. Currently plays for Miami Marlins.

#### Nick Tropeano (2011)

Third all time in strikeouts, tied for third all time in wins. Most wins in a season, lowest earned run average in a season in school history ('11). America East Pitcher of the Year ('10 and '11). Currently plays for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

#### Travis Jankowski (2012)

All time leader in triples, stolen bases. Most hits, runs, stolen bases and highest batting average in a single season ('12). ABCA National POY ('12). First Team All American NCBWA and ABCA ('12). Currently plays for San Diego Padres.

### Basketball

#### Tommy Brenton (2013)

Second all time in rebounds. Most steals all time and in single season ('09-10). Single season assist record ('12-13) First team All America East twice and Defensive POY ('11-12 and '12-13). Currently plays for Link Tochigi Brex in Japan.

#### Eric McAlister (2014)

Third all time in blocks. Currently plays for the Aurore de Vitre in France.

### Football

#### Will Tye (2014)

New York Giants  
All-Colonial Athletic Association  
Second Team, 2014

### Lacrosse

#### Kevin Crowley (2011)

Fifth all time in goals, leading goal scorer in 2010, third all time in assists, second all time in points (and led his team in points from '09-11). Currently plays for the New England Black Wolves of the NLL and the Charlotte Hounds in Major League Lacrosse.

#### Jordan McBride (2008)

All-time leading goal scorer, most goals in a game with 10 in 2008 against Delaware. Third all-time in points. Currently plays for the Calgary Roughnecks of the National Lacrosse League.

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# LIFERS: Grads who come back



Jeffrey Barnett, top right, Howard Sussman, bottom left. *Aracely Jimenez / The Statesman*. Cathrine Duffy, top left, Lee Xippolitos, bottom right. Photo Credit: Stony Brook University. Barnett, Duffy, Sussman and Xippolitos graduated from Stony Brook and currently work at the university.

By Taylor Ha,  
Contributing Writer

"I sat down in the Union, had a cup of coffee in the middle of organic lab, abandoned my lab and had an honest moment with myself and said, 'OK. So what do I want to do?'" Jeffrey Barnett, a Stony Brook University Class of 2000 graduate, recalled. "What do I love?"

His short-term answer was psychology, but eventually, Barnett realized the truth.

A psychology major who had experienced the life of a resident assistant, an assistant residence hall director and a residence hall director, Barnett had underestimated how much he loved working with undergraduate students. He commenced his academic journey as a Seawolf, but he has not relinquished that title since. Today, he educates young Seawolves as the interim associate dean of students.

He is one of many Stony Brook University "lifers," people who earned a degree at Stony Brook and now work here years later. Some of these lifers saw year one of the Student Activities Center, celebrated the opening of the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium and witnessed Wolfie's birth. And recently, some of them recounted their college years at Stony Brook and reflected upon how they journeyed back to Seawolves Country.

Howard Sussman, a '92 and '96 graduate, was a classic undergraduate at Stony Brook: a pre-med biology major. However, he was also part of a prestigious minority.

Sussman had turned down New York University and Cornell University for Stony Brook's Scholars for Medicine program, which virtually guaranteed him early acceptance to Stony Brook's School of Medicine upon earning his undergraduate degree.

Being one of the few Scholars for Medicine students freed his academic schedule.

"You can relax, you can take 25 credits, you can take coursework that you probably wouldn't have dared to take because God forbid something blemishes your application to medical school," he said.

Sussman helped start the university's jazz band and engaged in mischievous prank wars with his Cardozo College suitemates. He became possibly the first undergraduate research assistant in Dr. J. Peter Gergen's genetics lab and studied at the Health Sciences Library, a place that he considered "Kinda cool."

And like many college students, he fell in love.

"I was running for office for the Alpha Epsilon Delta premed honors society, and one of the brightest and cutest people you'll ever meet was running for president," he said, referring to his wife, Dr. Sherry Sussman. "And the two of us were elected and got to work on AED projects and fundraisers and programs, and, like I said, fell in love... and the rest is history."

Today, Howard Sussman is a clinical associate professor, the director of Medical Student Education and the Acting Head of the Division of Family & Community Medicine in the Department of Family, Population and Preventative Medicine.

When some of his students say they want to emulate him, he gets goosebumps. One of his pupils recently asked Sussman if he would bestow his doctorate upon him at graduation.

"This is the first year that a young man has said that he wants me as his mentor, to present him with his hood," Sussman said. "And to me, that speaks volumes about the impact that I've had on a student."

Lee Xippolitos, the current dean of the School of Nursing and chief nursing officer, entered Stony Brook's health care education through Stony Brook's registered nurse completion program in 1980.

She was then a 23-year-old married commuter with two children, but those obligations never stopped her from pursuing her dream to help people through health care, a dream she nurtured since she was six or seven years old.

"I used to line my dolls up and take care of them and put Band-Aids on them," Xippolitos said, referring to her Betsy Wetsy dolls that could "drink" water and mimic urination. "My dolls were always sick for some reason, and I was always helping them get well."

In her primary family, nurses were regarded as almost holy.

"It was a connection to God," she said. "It was almost like being a nun."

She chose to attend Stony Brook because of its nursing program and especially because of its faculty. As a student in the School of Social Welfare, she enrolled in a women in health care course taught by Elinor Polansky.

"I fell in love with her," Xippolitos said, noting that the women's movement was a big deal back in her day. "She was an activist, and she got us involved in ourselves, our bodies, our minds, and you know, really opened up so many avenues for me that I never would've been exposed to had I not come here."

Xippolitos rose in the ranks from a critical care nurse in the coronary care unit to the director of consultation and liaison psychiatry. Eventually, President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. personally asked her if she would become the dean of the School of Nursing.

"I'm really glad he saw something in me that I'm not sure I saw in myself," she said. "Because I ended up coming down here, and I just love it."

Cathrine Duffy, a '93 graduate, was an English major and journalism minor on the swim team who was mainly educated in the humanities. But at one point, she was a somewhat lonely pre-med student.

"I was in those large lecture classes, feeling invisible, feeling like no one even cares if I'm here," she remembered. But when she encountered smaller journalism classes, things changed.

"I got to know my classmates, my professors really got to know me," she said. "And that's when I think I started to feel a connection to Stony Brook."

As a commuter who frequented South P, one of Stony Brook's crowded parking lots, she did not fully experience the red-hot school spirit that engulfs today's campus.

"If you were a commuter, you came, you went to your classes and you left," she recalled, although she noted that commuter life has vastly improved since. "And the student life, if there was any student life, it was happening in the residence halls or after hours when I wasn't here."

After graduation, Duffy found her way back to Stony Brook following a phone call from Professor Paul Schreiber, who is currently the School of Journalism's undergraduate director, in November of 2005.

"I thought about coming back to Stony Brook to get a secondary education master's, and Paul Schreiber called me the next day and said, 'Hey, I hear you're thinking about teaching. How would you like to teach at the college level?'" she said.

After working at Newsday for

nearly ten years, she departed the Long Island-based newspaper as the deputy Long Island editor and taught classes as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Journalism for six years.

Then in January of 2011, one of her students — Jeanine Rescigno, who once dreamed of being a sports reporter — died in a car accident.

Duffy and another adjunct faculty member created a scholarship in Rescigno's memory. At a spring banquet that distributed the scholarship, Duffy discovered her calling while sitting with the then-Assistant Dean of Students Ellen Driscoll and Dean of Students Jerrold "Jerry" Stein.

"Just talking to them about what they do every day, supporting students, and the fact that Ellen had this deep connection to the family and that she just knew them personally, that really resonated with me," she said. "This idea of being a student support advocate."

As she walked to her car that night, she knew what she really wanted to do. Today, Duffy serves as the associate director of student support.

Not all students will find their way back to their alma mater like Barnett, Sussman, Xippolitos and Duffy. But someday, many of those young adults may understand Barnett's advice.

"There's a path that will unfold before you that you just don't see yet because your glasses are a little foggy," Barnett said. "And you have other people that are with you along that journey that can see things from different angles that you can't yet see. Listen to them. Be mindful that there is a road in front of you that may suddenly turn, and it's OK to go down that path because it can be really, really rewarding and really great."



# CHRIS MURRAY

## The voice of Stony Brook Athletics

By Alex Blanc,  
Contributing Writer

While attending a home sporting event here at Stony Brook, fans may recognize a familiar voice behind the stadium microphone at Island Federal Credit Union Arena or Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. That is the voice of Chris Murray, the school's Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing. Murray could be found in his office responding to emails and conversing with coworkers daily, but whenever there is a home sporting event, he is more likely urging the crowd to get on their feet and make some noise for the Seawolves.

"I want it to be a show," Murray said. "I want it to be an experience. I want to raise the bar so we have the best home-court or home-field advantage in the country."

Murray is in his fifth year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing, but his journey started years before he became a faculty member and a vital part of the Seawolves community.

As a high school senior attending Floral Park Memorial High School, Murray made the decision to attend Stony Brook as a biology major in 2006 because of the school's academics, location and affordability.

Murray became one of the first to elevate Wolfie to a more well-known status around campus and throughout the community, attending local fairs and festivals and shooting commercials. As an intern in the Athletics Department, he was offered the job of being Stony Brook's mascot. This is where Murray said that his career in Stony Brook Athletics officially started.

"My sophomore year, my roommate was a business major and was a marketing intern for the athletic department," Murray recalled. "He said, 'Come to athletics tomorrow and we'll get you a job working for athletics' and I thought it would be great. He didn't tell me that I was going to be Wolfie the mascot."

Andrea Lebedinski, Stony Brook Athletics' Coordinator of Annual Giving and Branding, remembered Murray's enthusiasm from his days as a student.

"He would always be the Wolfie that was out and about," Lebedinski said, recalling his dedication in spending three full days in the suit in searing Florida heat when filming an ESPN Gameday commercial for just a split-second clip of Wolfie. "[Murray] goes above and beyond; and if I need help with anything, he's there."

Murray graduated in May of

2010 and pursued a Master's Degree in teaching. He spent one year as a graduate assistant in the Athletics Department and ultimately found himself working there full-time in October of 2011. His time spent as Wolfie helped him appreciate and become satisfied with his occupation as both the home game announcer and an assistant athletic director at Stony Brook.

"It was awesome. I thought, probably the best job on campus was to be Wolfie," Murray said. "I got to go to all the games, and the more I got involved the more I fell in love with the Athletic Department here."

Wolfie has since grown to be one of the more important aspects of the Stony Brook community. Murray feels that Stony Brook Athletics is on the rise, but is still a young program compared to many other Division I schools.

Another aspect of Murray's job is working together with members of the Athletics community to help spread the Stony Brook brand.

"Our student athletes and our spirit squads make me better," Murray said. "I owe it to them to be better."

His experience as Wolfie enhances the level of enthusiasm he has for the cheerleaders, dance teams, and student-athletes that he finds himself working alongside a few days a week.

When Murray is behind the microphone, coworker Ashley Yenko, the Assistant Director of Athletics Marketing, is almost always beside him, wearing a pair of headphones and directing the entertainment and announcements that take place during media timeouts.

"He just does everything with his whole heart and a lot of energy. It's fun to be around," she said about her experience working with Murray. "We feed off of each other, and I think we really come up with some good ideas when we work together."

Not only is Murray the passionate hype-man for each of the home games, but he still reminisces and appreciates the opportunities he took advantage of as an undergraduate student to meet other members of the Stony Brook community and ultimately create a passionate network of coworkers and friends.

"It is so important to network. A 4.0 is very important, but a strong resume is just as important," Murray said while discussing some advice for undergraduate students. "A lot of learning, I feel, happens outside the classroom here at Stony Brook, get started and try something."



Chris Murray at a Stony Brook home basketball game. Photo Credit: Stony Brook Athletics



# Four ways to save after college



By Rachel Siford,  
Assistant News Editor

“Living with my parents will allow me to save a substantial amount of money because rent in New York City is extremely expensive and finding a roommate is too much of a hassle,” graduating senior Melody Peña said.

College graduates often find themselves moving back home after college, but financial experts are advising them to follow a strict budget to be able to move out faster.

Sixty-five percent of parents expect to support their children for up to five years after graduation, according to a study from Upromise by Sallie Mae last year.

“I plan on moving back home,” Peña said. “My parents live in

Brooklyn, and I accepted a full-time position which is easily accessible from my parents’ house.”

The survey also said 68 percent of students expect their parents to help them in their post-grad lives.

Experts around Long Island, including financial advisors, all suggest sticking to a strict budget and avoiding superfluous spending.

“They must understand their budget, stick to their budget, and make time to pay their bills,” said Theodore Agrillo, founder of Agrillo Financial Group based in East Meadow, New York. “Splurging on something or going out to the bar and spending \$15 on a drink isn’t going to get you out of your parents’ basement.”

Renee Pelletier, senior financial aid advisor in the Career Center at Stony Brook University, advises students to plan ahead.

“If they know in six months they’ll begin paying back student loans, they have to figure out how much is left over to deter-

mine what they can afford,” Pelletier said in an email.

Here are some tips compiled by experts:

## Stay on budget.

All experts interviewed said the most important thing was planning a budget and sticking strictly to it. It is important to know when student loan payments have to start getting paid off, along with other expenses like car insurance and phone bills.

“It is not a good idea to put yourself in a position where basically every incoming dollar is already accounted for with an outgoing expense,” Pelletier said. “If that happens, there is no wiggle room for ‘when things pop up’ or even putting money aside for savings.”

To learn more about how to plan a budget, visit the Stony Brook University Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services website.

## Take a job, even if it isn’t your dream job.

Financial expert Rachel Ramsey Cruze said that recent graduates have to take jobs, even if the jobs aren’t where they thought they would end up after college. Taking a job waiting tables or as a clerk in a department store can help with saving money and gaining experience to get the job you really want later on.

“It’s important to have realistic expectations,” Cruze said. “You’re in your 20s, not your 50s, so don’t expect to have your parents’ lifestyle immediately after graduation.”

## Make safe investments.

Agrillo said that instead of investing in stocks, which can be risky, millennials should consider investing in some mutual funds or bonds. Although these take longer to pay off, they are much more stable than buying stock.

Pelletier said that with a bud-

get, investing can be very beneficial, but only if the person has enough funds to do so. She also said investing while young can be great because compound interest over the years can earn people a lot of money.

## Cut costs.

Students who are trying to move out of their parents’ house might consider getting a roommate to split the cost of rent.

Getting a roommate is not the only way to make ends meet. Experts say that little things like reducing phone bills and avoiding eating out can greatly reduce the amount of extra spending millennials do. Learning to cook can also reduce spending because it is much cheaper to cook your own meals than to eat out several times a week.

“If you choose to set \$100 aside in a month to put towards savings instead of spending on an evening of dinner and drinks, that’s a good thing,” Pelletier said.

# NAVIGATING THE JOB FAIR

By Mahreen Khan,  
Staff Writer

Job and internship fairs are opportunities for students to gain recognition for the work they do in their prospective fields. However, navigating these fairs is often challenging for students.

In an increasingly competitive academic environment, how are students able to outshine their peers and spark employers’ interest? The Stony Brook University Career Center has an insightful set of tips, including what to do in

the weeks leading up to the event, the day before, the day of and the day after.

“Preparation is key,” Andrea Lipack, the Career Center’s associate director for employer relations, said. “Students have access to [a] current and up-to-date list of employers attending our fairs via Handshake. They can access the list under ‘Fairs’ and review the companies and details regarding the types of positions they are recruiting for.”

Lipack manages Handshake, the university’s job posting and recruiting system, and is involved in developing relationships with recruiting employers. She said she and her team always tell students to keep an open mind and never stereotype employers based on what they do. Instead, she recommends assessing them based on the kinds of career opportunities they have to offer.

Student Employment Coordinator and Event Manager Karen Clemente considers it very important for students to know what they’re getting into beforehand rather than walking in blind. She recommends attending recruiter seminars and reviewing the available Handshake guidebooks in advance.

For students who enter these fairs with anxieties, the Career Center website suggests ensuring calm nerves through pre-planning. Laying out an outfit that allows for “a clean and conservative look” the night before, mentally preparing oneself through the maintenance of a positive mindset and getting a good night’s sleep are all important strategies. Students should also give themselves time to calm their nerves by breaking the ice with companies lower on their list.

“So what they should do is they should have their resume reviewed first off here,” Clemente said. “And learn what not to say when they approach a table. A lot of times — from what I’ve heard from some employers — a student will go over to a table and [say] ‘What does your company do?’ That’s the worst thing you can say to an employer.”

Another suggestion is creating a “60-second commercial,” or a brief introduction that exudes confidence and poise. Positive body language, correct posture, eye contact, clear speech, a projected voice and proper enunciation all serve key roles in how employers receive students.

“Being prepared to walk up to the table and tell the employer why you feel you are a good fit and what specific skills you have to offer based on what they are recruiting for really makes you stand out,” Lipack said.

The ultimate goal of the fairs run by the Career Center is that students make a connection. A common misconception is that students will leave these fairs with an interview or job right off the bat. In reality, the purpose is to leave lasting impressions.

Following up with prospective employers is most important, as it allows students to speed up the process and create opportunities for themselves, Lipack said.

Regarding department-specific tips, students are encouraged to speak with Casey Savin, the Career Center’s student employment program assistant. Even so, Lipack said the tips are virtually the same for all students.

“Know what employers are looking for and make it easy for them to see why you are the perfect fit,” she said.

While the Career Center does not have statistics on the number of students who successfully gain internships or jobs as a result of the fairs, Lipack said both students and employers are surveyed after the fairs.

“The response rate is not good on either side,” she said. “It’s very frustrating. We want to know the results. I can tell you through anecdotal feedback that many, many students make a connection that leads to a first interview through the fair. This many times leads to offers. So, it definitely works.”

Clemente said there are many resources and opportunities available to prepare stu-

dents, and all students have to do is take advantage of what is in front of them. If a student is nervous and wants to experience a mock interview, they can make an appointment with a counselor and be interviewed, she said.

Additionally, when staff members at the fairs notice that students appear especially nervous, they will often approach the students and try to assist them.

“Staff members are always on hand to talk to students,” Lipack added. “We all wear red shirts so we are easy to find in the crowd, or at our Career Center resource table.”

“We want the students to know that we’re here,” Clemente said.







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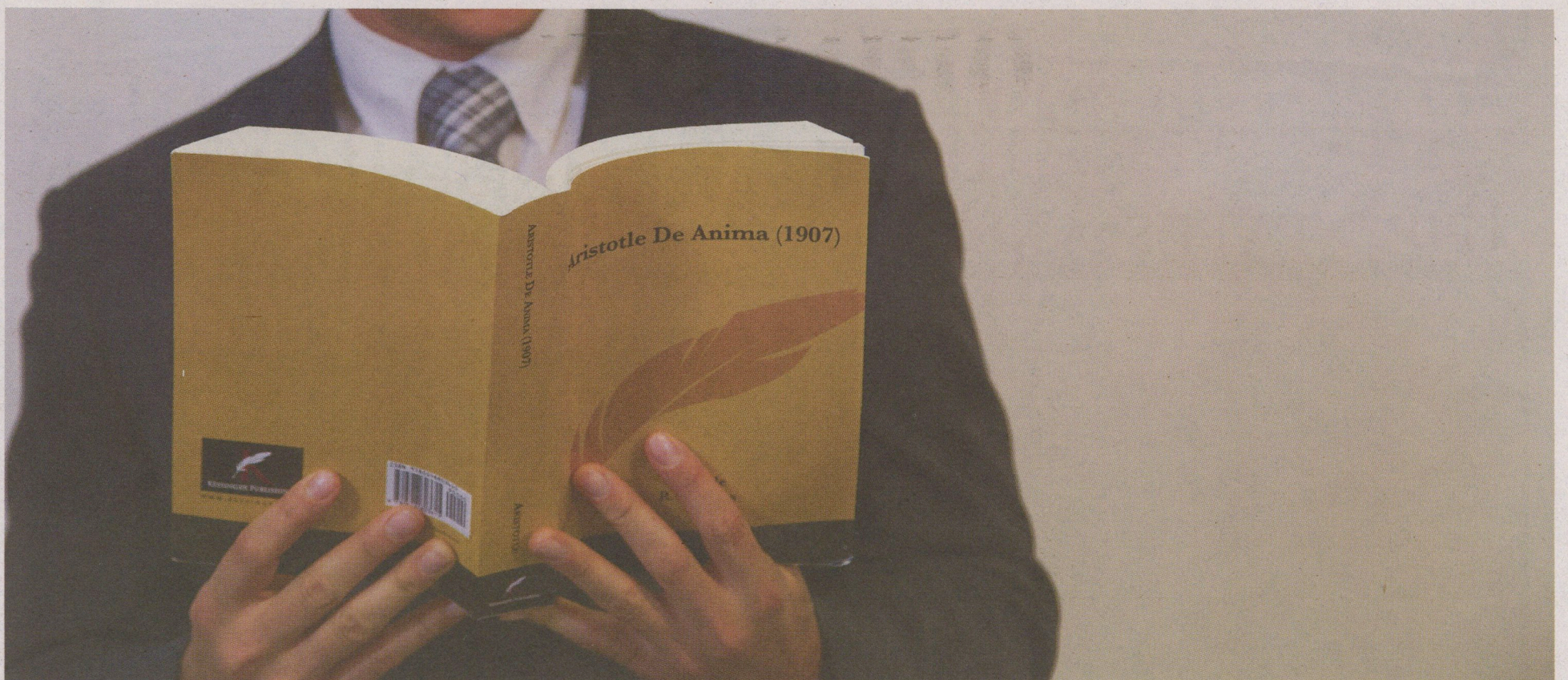
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# PHILOSOPHY IS PRACTICAL

By Christopher Leelum,  
Opinions Editor

Here's a riddle: I'm usually in solitary contemplation, I smoke a lot of marijuana, I have a long beard that I like to stroke while going, "Hmm, ahh" and I'm always sneering at anti-intellectuals on my social media feed. What college major am I?

That's right, philosophy!

While at least two of those things are true about me, being a philosophy major is widely misunderstood. And considering the most common criticism of the major — "What can you do in the real world with a philosophy degree?" — I have a lot of clearing up to do.

So, why study philosophy? Well, in the "real world" as opposed to the abstract one of fantasy land that, according to some people, better suits my studies, a degree in philosophy is not only intellectually advantageous, it's practical and financially beneficial as well.

## Philosophy degrees pay you back if you're willing to wait.

The Wall Street Journal has a handy chart from salary information company PayScale that shows, by major, the salary increase from starting to mid-career positions.

Biology majors have a starting median salary of about \$38,800 and a mid-career median salary of \$64,800, for a percentage change of 67 percent. The numbers for chemistry majors are \$42,600 and \$79,900 respectively, with a growth of 87.6 percent. For my fellow journalism majors (my other major), the percentage growth is similar to that of chemistry, with pay going from \$35,600 to \$66,700.

Those that major in philosophy are tied for first in percentage growth, tying mathematics at 103.5 percent. That means if I follow the median starting salary at \$39,900, I'll be making about \$81,200 mid-career. Take that, majority of Stony Brook's STEM suckers.

To me, this growth can be at-



Marco Rubio, above, said America needs more welders and fewer philosophers at the Nov. 10 Republican Debate. He has since suspended his campaign. *Photo Credit: Gage Skidmore/Flickr*

tributed to how we learn, not what we learn. Technical and scientific knowledge are beneficial in their applications, but their applications are limited. Adaptive and analytical knowledge is much more helpful for moving up the occupational hierarchy, learning new environments and, therefore, making more money.

## Philosophers have your back when you're in trouble with the law.

Derek T. Muller, an Associate Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law, charted the LSAT scores and GPAs of all law school applicants in 2013 by major.

Classics majors came first, with an average LSAT score of 159.8 out of a possible 180. Sixth on that list, ahead of more common majors like economics, history and political science, was philosophy, with an average score of 156.8.

As philosophers, it's our job to see everything from as many perspectives as possible, so it's easy to see how students who study studying perspectives can excel in the legal profession.

So be nice to that bearded stoner by himself in the corner: one day, he'll be a clean-shaven, suit-and-tie-wearing stoner defending you in the courts.

## Philosophers can do or be anything.

As a philosophy major, you can...

Be the first woman to run a top-20 company ranked by Fortune magazine, and then go on to run a presidential campaign downplaying the necessity of women in power: Carly Fiorina.

Be brutally stabbed by your moody son: Harrison Ford.

Be the host of one of the most famous game shows of all time: Who is Alex Trebek?

Be a viable GOP presidential candidate and not get crushed in the polls by Donald Trump: not Marco Rubio, because he decided to bash philosophers. Philosophers don't often call upon the powers of karma, but if there really is some evil-balancing force in the universe that we're missing, I'm glad it's catching up to Rubio.

Majoring in philosophy is not a death sentence. It is rather an affirmation of mental flexibility and maturity. It will shake up the foundations of your thoughts and actions and it will give you new perspectives on everything around you.

And if, in the end, you don't think it can even supplement another major and still believe it fruitless, then at least entertain the idea that nothing matters anyway and you're ultimately wasting your time accomplishing nothing and affecting no one.

## A JOB HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS AND GRADS

### The highest-paying college majors

Here is a list of the top five college majors that lead to the highest starting and mid-career salaries. I excluded majors that are not offered by SBU. This list was organized by compensation database company PayScale. Brace yourselves, humanities majors.

#### Chemical Engineering

Median starting pay: \$69,600

Median mid-career pay: \$116,700

#### Computer Engineering

Median starting pay: \$67,300

Median mid-career pay: \$108,600

#### Computer Science and Engineering

Median starting pay: \$66,700

Median mid-career pay: \$112,600

#### Electrical and Computer Engineering

Median starting pay: \$66,500

Median mid-career pay: \$113,000

#### Electrical Engineering

Median starting pay: \$65,900

Median mid-career pay: \$107,900

### Fastest-growing occupations for college graduates

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has projections for which occupations that require a college degree or higher will grow the fastest between 2014-2024.

#### Nurse practitioners

Number of projected new jobs, in thousands: 44.7

Percentage growth: 35.2

Median annual wage in 2014: \$95,350

#### Physical therapists

Number of projected new jobs, in thousands: 71.8

Percentage growth: 34

Median annual wage in 2014: \$82,390

#### Statisticians

Number of projected new jobs, in thousands: 10.1

Percentage growth: 33.8

Median annual wage in 2014: \$79,990

#### Physician assistants

Number of projected new jobs, in thousands: 28.7

Percentage growth: 30.4

Median annual wage in 2014: \$95,820

#### Operations research analysts

Number of projected new jobs, in thousands: 27.6

Percentage growth: 30.2

Median annual wage in 2014: \$76,660

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# OPINIONS

## The great academic rift in the Grand Old Party



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**Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz, above, has made politics into a battle of right-versus-wrong throughout his steadfast opposition to Obamacare in 2013.**

By Nick Zararis  
Staff Writer

The Republican Party as we know it is in flux, and after the 2016 presidential election, it is going to change one way or another. This change is only partly related to the orange monster who likes to yell semi-coherent sentences about the immigrant boogiemer. What a recent Pew Research Center poll reveals is that among Republicans, a festering crack is appearing between party members with and those without a college education.

Obviously, both sides of the aisle have courted a specific market of the uninformed or uneducated voter. The Republicans enjoy the votes of rural people in gerrymandered districts and Democrats enjoy the votes of those in dense urban cities. But this is where I believe the issue exists for politics as a whole.

To properly understand American politics, you can't just read memes from Bernie's dank stash on Facebook and get the whole picture. We need an educated populous to properly participate in a representative democracy. Again, this is where the divide in the Republican Party truly comes from.

Fifty-one percent of non-college-educated white Republicans believe that politics is a struggle between right and wrong, compared to only 35 percent of college-educated white Republicans. It is this exact mindset

that has Congress gridlocked right now.

Good ol' Canadian boy Ted Cruz believes that blocking something for the greater good of the country with no actual solution is the answer in this battle of right-versus-wrong. Cruz most famously (or, perhaps, most infamously) was one of the senators who helped engineer the government shutdown over Obamacare back in 2013. These obstructionists, who never fail to cite religion for every answer they give, try to come off as being on the moral high ground.

Democrats are no less guilty of this, though having President Obama on their side has allowed them to claim political leverage. Last fall, Cruz in the Senate and the Freedom Caucus in the House wanted to shut the government down over funding for Planned Parenthood.

This was partly because of the series of videos released by an anti-abortion group and partly because the conservative bloc is still living in the 19th century, where women don't have rights. Cruz and fellow conservative lawmakers want to go to war over every issue, but they don't present actual solutions.

We probably all have debate fatigue after this cycle, but if you happen to recall, almost every single Republican candidate wants to repeal Obamacare. Yet the best they can muster up for an alternative is "allowing for competition over state lines by insurance companies." It pains

me to say it, but my party alienates a large portion of the population when they throw temper tantrums and then don't tell anyone what they want instead.

Next, we come to the fake-tan-having, orange-colored Neanderthal's favorite topic, (aside from himself): immigration. College-educated white Republicans, 44 percent of them to be exact, believe immigrants strengthen the country, whereas a measly 26 percent of non-college educated white Republicans believe immigrants help the country.

This is the issue that has made Trump the champion of those without degrees. All their lives, they have been told of an immigrant boogiemer who was coming to take their job at a lower wage and that our country is being overrun to the point where it's not recognizable anymore.

Now, Republicans like Trump blame bad economic policy related to globalization and free trade on immigrants taking low-wage jobs because it's easy.

College-educated and non-college-educated Republicans are two very different constituencies within a fractured and bleeding party. These differences are what will hand our nomination to a monster with the world's worst hair piece, unless Reince Priebus and his boys change the rules and cheat Trump out of the nomination. Or we get the Zodiac Killer. Not exactly inspiring options for those of us on the right side of the spectrum.

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## Starbucks just got its liquor license, but should probably give it back

By Sophia Ricco  
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The iconic symbol of the twin-tailed mermaid surrounded by green that has made its way onto millions of coffee cups represents so much more than the coffee shop, Starbucks. It represents a brand of good coffee, fun times and taking Instagram photos of your drinks for the sake of garnering likes. The Starbucks Coffee Company started in Seattle, Washington in 1971 and since its opening has expanded to over 22,000 stores worldwide. It is one of the most well-known coffee shops in the world, one that is close to many people's hearts here on Long Island.

However, this famous coffee company is facing backlash in a certain part of Long Island, where a store has recently acquired a liquor license. The store is in Long Beach, located at 101 West Park Avenue and will be able to serve alcoholic beverages between 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., according to The Long Beach Patch. Starbucks was issued a wine tavern license, which, according to New York State Liquor Authority, allows sale for on-premises consumption of wine and beer.

This may bring in a little more business if people want a coffee-shop-feel in a place where they can get alcohol, but Starbucks does not need to be the place for this, nor should it be the place to provide booze.

Many community members of Long Beach have voiced concerns about this for many reasons, one being that many



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**According to CNN, Starbucks has been testing alcohol at their shops since 2010 in Seattle. There are over 12,000 shops in the country, and the company said it plans on serving alcohol in about 2,000 of those locations by 2020.**

teenagers choose the local Starbucks as a hang out spot to grab a cup of coffee and do homework. Surrounding them with adults drinking alcoholic beverages would just lead to trouble. They would feel more like they are in a bar environment instead of a coffee shop, and they might feel pressured to be drinking as well.

However, I'm not oblivious and know that underage kids will find ways to drink illegal-

ly regardless. But Starbucks, a known coffee spot for teenagers to not feel the pressure to drink anything but caffeinated beverages, is not the place for teenagers to be drinking alcohol.

Many community members have pointed out that there are many other places in Long Beach to get alcoholic beverages. It is not as if Starbucks will be a rare breed of places in the town. It is not necessary for them to be serving alcohol.

I think this is not only an issue for the reasons the community members brought up, but also an issue of safety and liability. Drunk driving is something we have all been taught is life-endangering and happens after leaving a place like a bar or party, not a Starbucks.

People consider Starbucks to be a place to grab a cup of coffee, not a possible hub where drunk drivers will risk their lives and those around them to get home.

No one expects someone to leave a Starbucks drunk and certainly won't be looking out for it.

This liquor license could prove to be a liability for Starbucks and, if it not executed properly, could easily be taken away. As I said about the drunk drivers endangering themselves and others, if anything were to happen, the Starbucks could possibly be sued for allowing

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## Looking for parking at Stony Brook? There should be an app for that



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**Stony Brook's large demographic of commuter students sometimes makes it difficult to find parking. Professor Pittinsky thinks that by using technology to our advantage, we can create apps that make it easier to find parking and facilitate communication between students.**

By Todd L. Pittinsky  
Contributing Writer

Todd L. Pittinsky is a professor in the Department of Technology and Society at Stony Brook University.

We all know technology can be simply amazing. We also know it can bring out the worst in us and suck up our time with apps, games, movies and more — all right there on our smartphones.

As Stony Brook grows in size, stature and impact, one great way to positively differentiate ourselves within the SUNY system and within the global university marketplace is to make the most smart, creative and human use of technology.

Where could we start?

How about by reducing a widely shared form of suffering on campus: finding a place to park? As Stony Brook grows, this problem is only going to get

worse. Building an underground parking garage doesn't seem to be in the cards any time soon. Meanwhile, cities from Los Angeles to New York are looking to apps to help solve their parking problems. How about an app for Stony Brook parking?

Here's what it could do:

Save time and frustration. Once you get where you're going, it shouldn't take another 20 minutes just to park. Students, staff and faculty have better

things to do. Reduce harmful exhaust emissions by significantly reducing idling.

Show that Stony Brook is serious about being a 21st-century campus.

How might it work? Here are some of the possibilities:

**Sensors:** A parking app could communicate with sensors embedded in SBU parking spots that can tell if a spot has opened up, showing them on a map. It would be like seeing what seats

are available on a plane or in a theater.

**Camera:** A drone-mounted camera could "see" a whole parking lot or a stretch of street and determine by algorithm which spots are open, and in turn display that on an app.

**Crowd-sharing:** An SBU parking app could leverage sensors in smartphones. In fact,

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## Alcohol at Starbucks could be a grande mistake

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people to leave and drive in an intoxicated state.

Also, I have a suspicion that this Starbucks will quickly lose their liquor license if they do not follow the rules of owning one, which patrons may unintentionally break. One of the main rules that comes to mind is people carrying out the alcoholic beverages when they leave.

I used to work at a Mexican restaurant where people would try to take our margaritas out in a soda cup, but we always had to stop and basically give them the option of throwing it out or chugging it right there. It was not the best option, but due to the liquor license we had, taking drinks outside was not allowed.

The wine-tavern license that Starbucks has follows the same

rules. If someone carries out alcohol and is caught with it, Starbucks could have their license taken away because they did not stop them.

If you have ever been in a Starbucks you know that it is bustling most of the time with employees running around trying to finish all the drink orders in a timely manner. They do not have time to be checking that no one is carrying out alcohol.

Also, it is typical for Starbucks customers to get a drink then run out with it, onto the next activity of the day. This could lead to people doing the same thing with an alcoholic drink.

Although it may bring in some more business, serving alcohol at the Starbucks in Long Island would ultimately be a mistake. The community is not in favor of it and the legal issues that could come with it would not be worth the business.

## Using technology to solve our parking problems

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a group at SUNY Buffalo reportedly is already trying this. Their app picks up from the sensors in other people's smartphones whether, for example, cars in a lot are moving very slowly — probably looking for spots and not finding them — or if they suddenly speed up — probably just pulled out of a spot. If Buffalo can innovate, why can't we?

**Parking enforcement:** Using meter readers and parking attendants as scouts. While making their rounds, they could report empty spots to an app.

**Concierge:** This would be a hybrid tech-and-touch solution. A concierge parks your car somewhere on the outskirts of campus and a simple app lets you request it back with the push of a button, which uses your smartphone's GPS to tell the concierge where you are.

It is crucial, though, not only to specify what we want technology to do as we fold it into our communities, but what we want it to not do. In the case of a parking app, it should not distract us

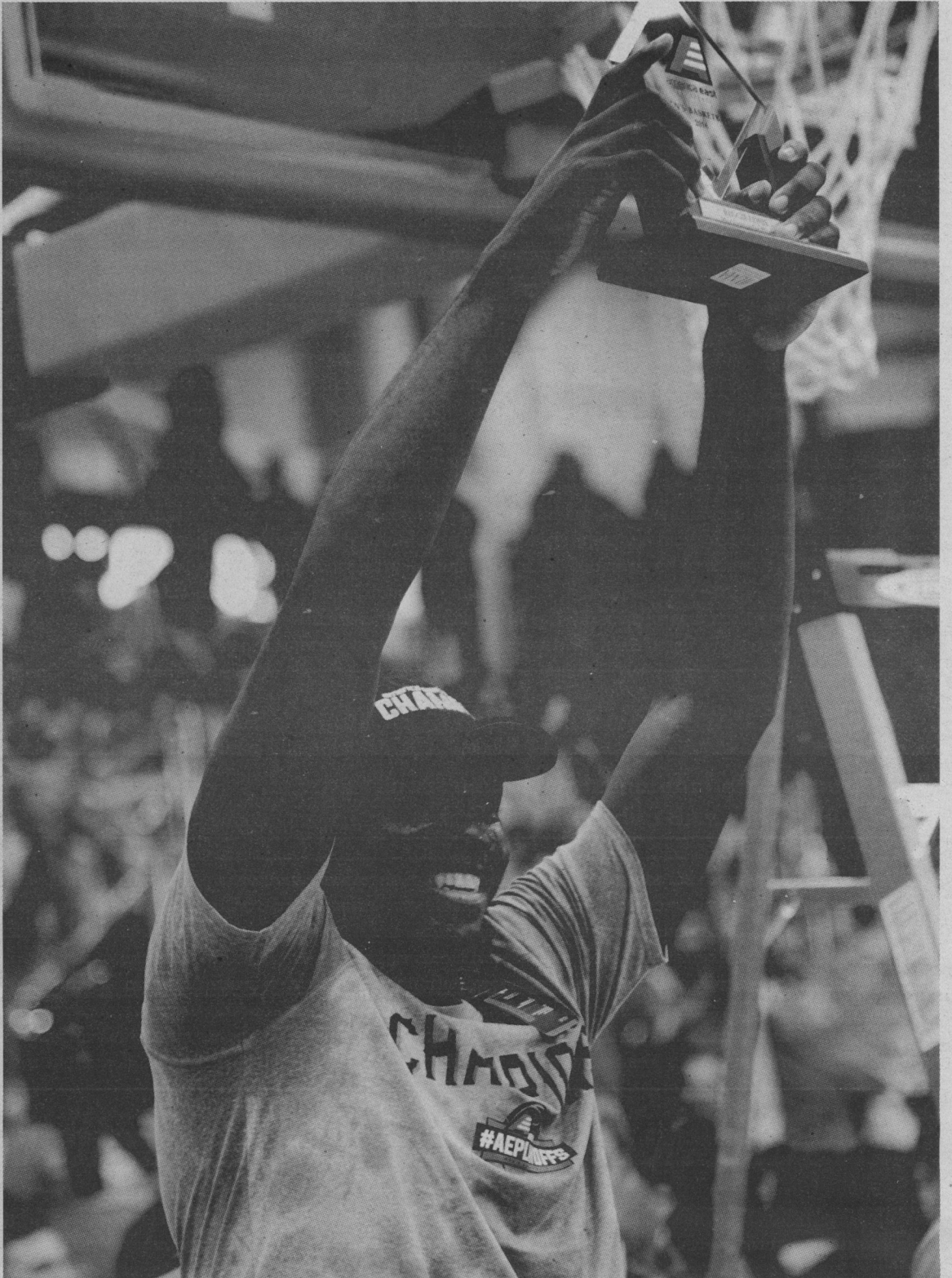
while we are driving. It should not be hackable. It should not get in the way of those who wish to continue to pray daily to the "parking gods."

Even with such a seemingly straightforward convenience as easier parking, it will pay to focus more on the intersection of the technology and our individual and collective well-being — how we could live each day on campus more productively, humanly and joyfully. This is how we begin to truly understand the transformative power of technology and to chart our course not simply toward technology and society, but toward technology for society.

Stony Brook is on a roll in rankings, scholarly output, alumni network, campus facilities and school spirit, but it is still pretty much playing by the old rules for how a university grows and evolves — that is, by hiring more faculty and admitting more talented students. How about also setting a new standard for what a campus can be by looking at how, even in small ways, technology can make it a more joyful place to be?

# LETTER to the EDITOR

## Pikiell predicted greatness four years ago



CHRISTOPHER CAMERON / THE STATESMAN

Senior forward Jameel Warney, above, who led SBU to its first ever NCAA tournament berth, was one of three players that Pikiell introduced to Mandaych four years ago.

Submitted by Peter Mandaych

Recently, I had one of those sports thrills that don't happen often. But when they do, they are very memorable.

Like when the Mets won the World Series in both 1969 and 1986. When Secretariat won the Belmont by 31 Lengths. When Team USA beat the Russians at the 1980 Olympics. When American Pharoah became the first Horse in 37 Years to win the Triple Crown by winning the Belmont Stakes last year (a race I was lucky enough to attend). Recently, I had one of those moments.

Watching on television from my apartment, I witnessed the Stony Brook Seawolves win their first conference title game to go to the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament for the first time in school history, coming back from 15 points down with 15 minutes left in the game to beat Vermont by the score of 80 to 73.

More than the thrill of watching them win at home. More than the thrill of watching the students run onto the court. More

than watching a four-year senior named Jameel Warney score 43 points on 18 for 22 from the field in what was an epic, historic, heroic performance.

More than anything else, I recalled a time four years ago when I attended a Stony Brook football game and ran into Coach Steve Pikiell. Steve introduced me to three of his prized recruits. He glowed when he told me that these three athletes will lead Stony Brook Men's Basketball to the promised land. One of those athletes was Jameel Warney, the hero of Stony Brook's title game.

I realized back then that he wasn't bragging. He wanted to share the experience with me, wanted to include me or anyone who would listen in the pride he had for the university, the community, and the fans. So four years later, through some hard knocks and some tough times (Stony Brook went to the America East Finals four times previously only to lose each time. with the latest loss coming last year to Albany on a last second 3-point field goal), we finally

won the championship game in a historic moment for the school, community and basketball on Long Island. Finally the moment came.

And when it did I could only harken back to that day nearly four years ago when Coach Pikiell introduced me to those three young men.

Cheers to Coach Pikiell, who, over 25 years ago, captained the University of Connecticut Basketball Team to their first Big East title and helped launch a College Basketball Staple and over 25 years later led a Stony Brook team to their first NCAA Tournament birth.

Cheers to the team comprised of a bunch of real student athletes who commit four years to the school and themselves in attaining a true college education.

And cheers to all who celebrated in the moment when Stony Brook Men's Basketball won their first conference championship to go to their first NCAA Tournament in school history. Selection Sunday couldn't have been any sweeter. Go Seawolves!

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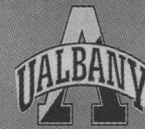


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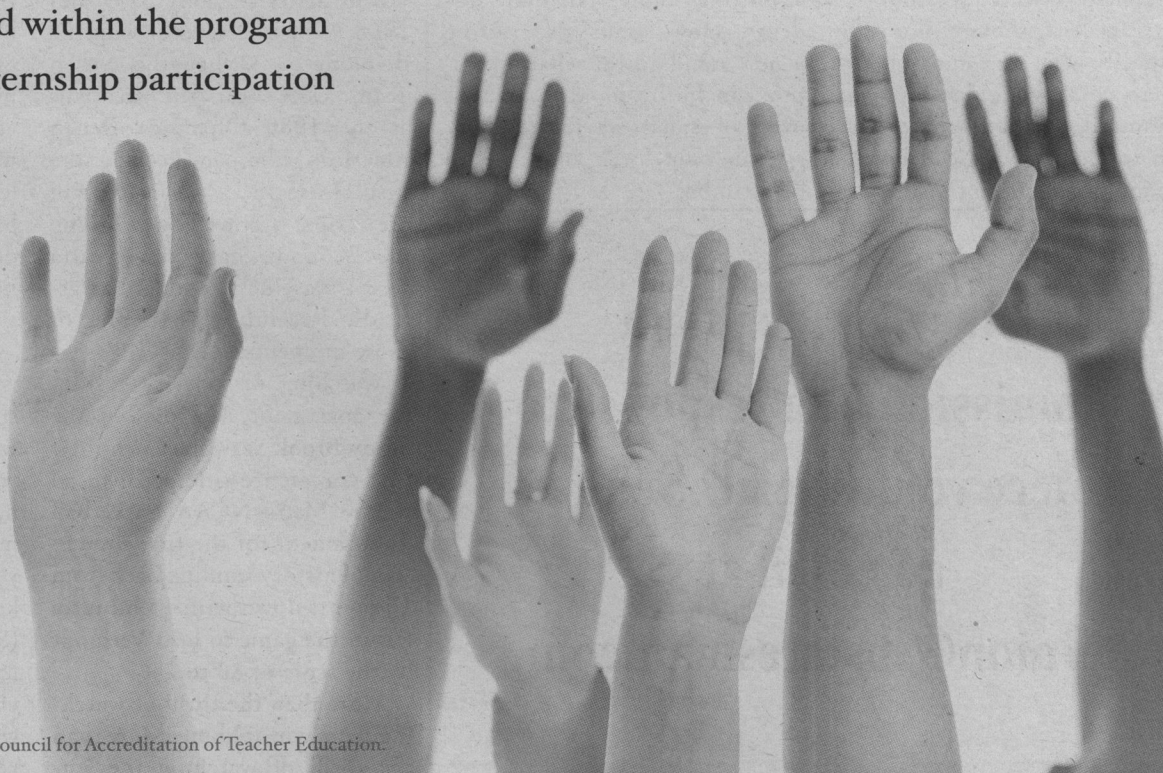
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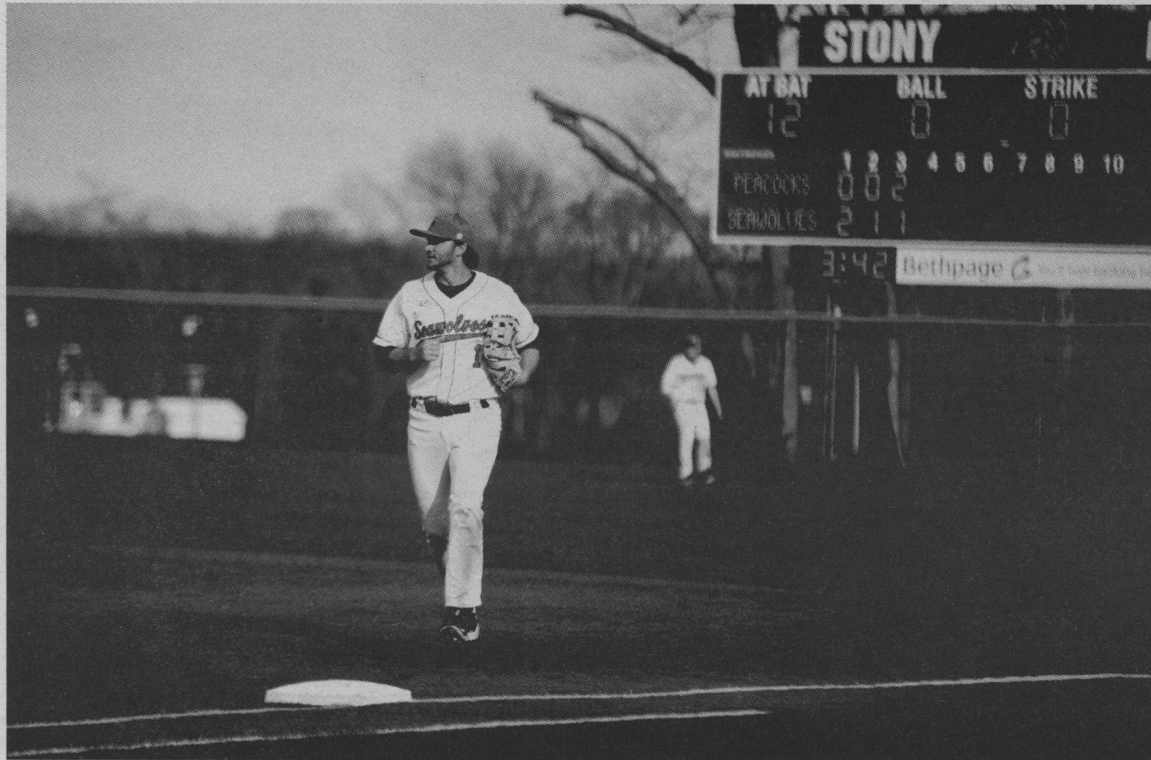
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# SPORTS

## Baseball swept by Creighton, beats Sacred Heart



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After being named last week's America East Player of the Week, sophomore infielder Andruw Gazzola (No. 14, left) sparked a late-game run in a 4-2 win over Sacred Heart.

By Tim Oakes and Joseph Wolkin  
Contributing Writers

Stony Brook Baseball gave up a two-run lead to a three-run eighth inning by Creighton on Friday, losing 5-4 after leading for the majority of the matchup.

Coming off a come-from-behind triumph against Sacred Heart, Stony Brook hoped to ride its momentum. However, sophomore reliever Teddy Rodliff fell victim to an error from senior infielder Johnny Caputo and a passed ball, ultimately receiving the loss.

The Seawolves scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning, capitalizing on an error by senior first baseman Reagan Fowler.

However, the team managed to only have one hit throughout the rest of the game, a single by first baseman Andruw Gazzola in the seventh inning.

Stony Brook senior Chad Lee tossed five and two-thirds innings, allowing seven hits and two unearned runs. Striking out four batters, he out-pitched Creighton's sophomore starter, Rollie Lacy, who pitched six innings, handing the Seawolves four runs (two earned) and three walks.

Saturday's game was rescheduled for Sunday, making it the first of a doubleheader. The Seawolves were no match for the Blue Jays, losing 4-0.

Highlighted by senior Tyler Honahan's four earned runs in five in-

nings, Stony Brook failed to capture a victory after the day off.

Honahan was no match for Creighton freshman Jeff Albrecht, who won his second game of the year on Sunday. The southpaw pitcher shutout Stony Brook, allowing three hits and striking out five batters in five innings, while Honahan allowed seven hits.

The Blue Jays exploded in the third inning, getting four hits off Honahan. A triple by senior infielder Ryan Fitzgerald opened the door for the team, giving them their first run of the match after a double by sophomore outfielder Daniel Woodrow. Fitzgerald's RBI triple was followed by a double from sophomore infielder Nicky Lopez and a single by Fowler.

Stony Brook was shut out once again in game three. This time, Creighton RHP Keith Rogalla tossed five innings, enabling three hits and three walks and preventing the Seawolves from scoring any runs.

Stony Brook freshman starter Bret Clarke tossed a mere two innings, allowing five hits and four runs.

Woodrow scored on a wild pitch in the first inning, with the Blue Jays smacking another two hits onto the field. After a perfect inning in the second frame, Clarke allowed three runs in the third inning, forcing head coach Matt Senk to put in southpaw freshman Joe Baran, who threw three shutout innings.

Throughout the game, Rogalla dominated the Seawolves' hitters, allowing only two hits through the

first four innings. His dominance carried over to the bullpen, where senior John Oltman and junior David Gerber pitched one shutout inning each, sealing Creighton's second 4-0 victory of the day.

Entering the weekend series, second baseman Jack Parenty had been carrying the team's offense. However, he went 1-for-7 at Creighton.

The Stony Brook Baseball team found it difficult to succeed against Sacred Heart's pitching throughout the first eight innings of its game on Tuesday afternoon at Joe Nathan Field. That would all change in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Parenty, the defending America East Conference Player of the Year, blasted a double to deep left center field allowing two teammates to score and give Stony Brook a 3-2 lead.

The double would prove to be the turning point in the Seawolves' 4-2 win over the Pioneers. Stony Brook improved its record to 8-9, including a perfect 5-0 at home.

After getting off to a slow start in 2016, Parenty is showing why he was named the best player in the conference in 2015. He now has hit safely in seven of his last 14 at bats, including five RBIs.

"He made a little adjustment in batting practice," Senk said. "The way he hit that last ball was kind of what we were talking about during practice."

Gazzola, recipient of last week's America East Player of the Week, began the eighth inning rally with a double. Junior centerfielder Toby Handley hit a bunt single to set the stage for Parenty's decisive two-run double. Gazzola's timely double extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Taubl kept Stony Brook at bay, allowing just three hits and one run while striking out four in six innings of work.

Freshman pitcher Tim Kranz performed well, freezing Sacred Heart's runners at second and third base in the fifth inning by striking out the next two batters to end the threat.

The Seawolves are now 8-12 on the year. Up next for the team is a weekend series at home against Maine beginning Saturday, April 2 at 12 p.m..

## Men's Lacrosse beats UMBC, 14-11

By Christian Peraino  
Staff Writer

With a season-high 11 first-half goals, it looked as if No. 12 Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse would handily put away conference opponent UMBC on Saturday afternoon. However, a 4-1 second quarter surge put the Retrievers, who entered the locker room trailing 11-7, within striking distance.

But head coach Jim Nagle's squad successfully curbed UMBC's momentum in the second half, eventually winning the contest by a score of 14-11 in Baltimore.

The Retrievers struck first in the third quarter with a goal off the gloves of senior attackman Nate Lewnes, who had a team season-high six goals on the day. Senior attackman Matt Schultz found the back of the cage a mere eight seconds later off of a feed from junior attackman Ryan Bitzer, giving the Seawolves a 12-8 lead.

After two sophomore midfielders, Stony Brook's McLean Chicquen and UMBC's Max Haldeman traded goals, Stony Brook entered the fourth quarter up 13-10. As it did in the third, UMBC would add a tally to the scoreboard first in the fourth, cutting its deficit to two, the lowest it stood all game.

In a back and forth scrum, neither team would score for the following 11 minutes, stifling any chance of a Retrievers comeback. An unassisted goal by junior midfielder Jeff Reh with just over a minute left solidified a 14-11 Seawolves win.

With ball movement on display, six Seawolves, including Schultz,

Reh, Bitzer, Chicquen, senior attackman Brody Eastwood and senior midfielder Challen Rogers, notched a pair of goals.

Faceoff specialist junior Jay Lindsay had his best game of the year on draw controls, winning 17 of 26 matchups en route to a Stony Brook team season-high of 19 faceoff wins.

In addition to his two goals, Schultz also dished out four assists. Both he and junior midfielder Alex Corpolongo lead the Seawolves with 21 goals on the season apiece. Rogers added a pair of his own assists, increasing his team-leading assist total to 19.

Five Seawolves — Schultz, Corpolongo, Rogers, Eastwood and Bitzer — have recorded at least 20 points this season, highlighting the offense's unselfish play and the chemistry between a senior-loaded team.

Targeted as a priority in practice the past few weeks, Stony Brook scooped up 37 ground balls to UMBC's 20, a major key in establishing possession and creating scoring potential.

Freshman long stick midfielder Ryland Rees helped add to this advantage with a career-high five ground balls.

Eastwood now sits 12 goals away from breaking Jordan McBride's school record of 175 career goals. Eastwood and Rogers are 15 and 13 points away, respectively, from eclipsing the 200 career points mark.

Stony Brook continues its road stint on Tuesday, March 29 when the team heads to Pennsylvania to take on Lehigh at 7:00 p.m..

## Softball claims victory in three-game series at UMBC

By Dylan Moore  
Contributing Writer

The Seawolves began conference play in Baltimore this weekend, taking down the UMBC Retrievers two games to one in a three-game series. UMBC won the first game 6-3 but was shut out for the final two games by scores of 8-0 and 7-0.

In the first game of the series, Stony Brook struggled to find an answer to UMBC junior Jessica Holte and the UMBC offense. The Retrievers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning, and they never looked back.

The Seawolves gained some momentum and tied the game in the top of the sixth inning, but UMBC came out and put up three runs in the bottom half of the inning to secure the win.

After dropping the first game, the Seawolves were absolutely dominant throughout the final two games. UMBC only managed five hits combined in the two games and was outscored 15-0. A pair of Stony Brook homers and 18 hits ensured that they would start conference play with a winning record.

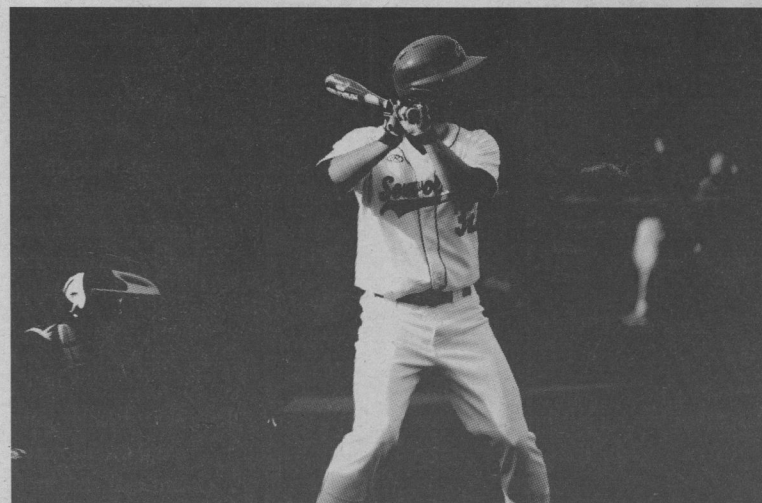
Sophomore pitcher Maddy Neales started in the circle for game two of the series and had one of the best games of her career. She hurled six shutout innings, allow-

ing just one hit with three walks and nine strikeouts. Her lights-out performance earned the sophomore her third win of the year, evening out her record at 3-3.

Sophomore third baseman Chelsea Evans was Stony Brook's most effective hitter in the series, getting five hits in nine at-bats overall. She also hit two home runs and had four runs batted in. Senior outfielder Diane Caruso went 3-for-9 including four RBIs, all of which came in game two. Her two-run home run in the top of the fourth inning was her third of the season, the most on the team.

Senior Jane Sallen got the nod for the first and third games of the series, and her play improved dramatically from the first game to the last. After giving up six runs on nine hits in 5.2 innings in the first game, she pitched a complete game, four-hit shutout the next day to secure her seventh win of the season. She struck out 11 batters across the two games, five in her first start and six in her second. The shutout was Sallen's 13th of her career and her second this season.

The Seawolves will head to the Bronx to take on the Manhattan Jaspers this Wednesday at 2 p.m.. Stony Brook will return to Long Island to play Maine in a three-game set this Saturday and Sunday at University Field.



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Next up for Stony Brook Baseball is a home three-game series against Maine, kicking off on Saturday, April 2.



# Former Stony Brook head coach Steve Pikiell departs for Rutgers job

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

The former head coach of the Stony Brook Men's Basketball team, Steve Pikiell, was formally introduced as the new head coach of the Rutgers Men's Basketball team in a press conference this past Tuesday.

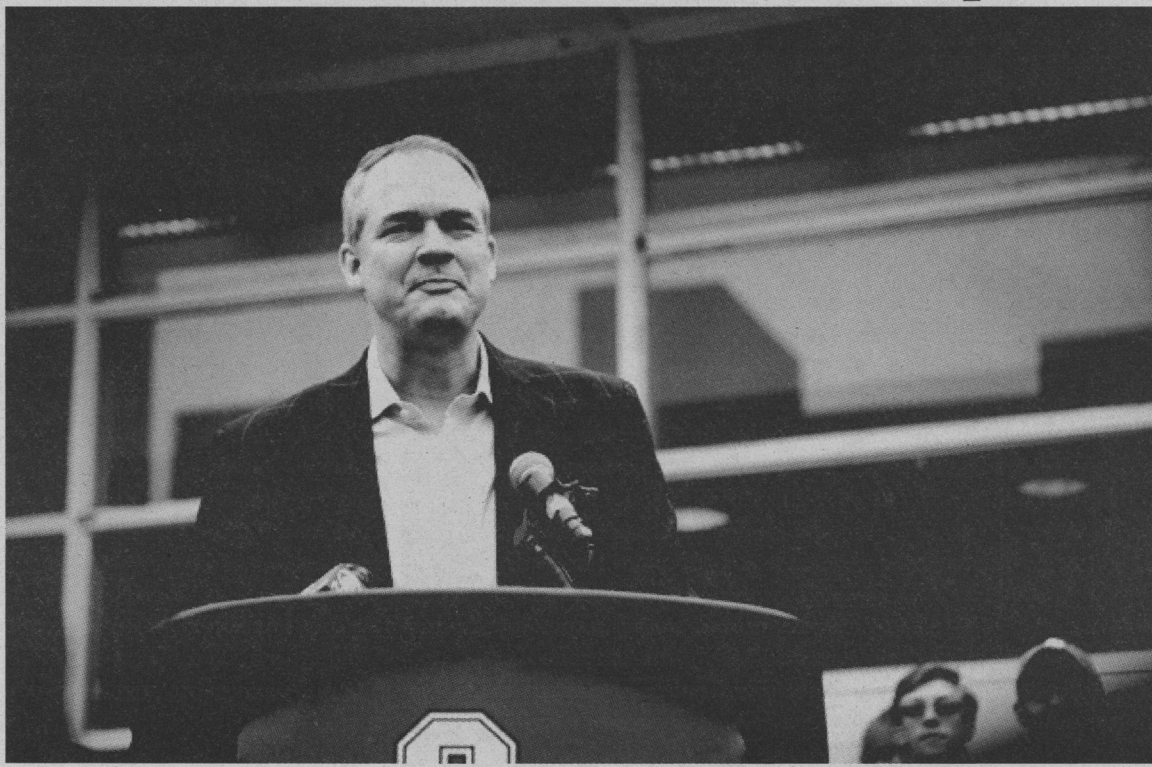
"He has arrived at every program at its low, and he has left every program at its height," Rutgers Athletic Director Patrick Hobbs said of Pikiell. "Worst to first, that's Steve Pikiell."

The Seawolves had just a 4-24 record in their 2005-06 season, Pikiell's first at Stony Brook. The team gradually improved over the course of Pikiell's tenure, culminating in a 26-7 record this season. The team won its first America East title and reached its first NCAA Tournament in Stony Brook's Division I history.

Pikiell is also a four-time America East Coach of the Year and two-time Metropolitan Writers Coach of the Year.

He leaves Stony Brook with an overall record of 192-156 and four America East regular season championships. He will replace Eddie Jordan, who won just seven games with Rutgers this season and was dismissed earlier this month.

"I told [Hobbs] every job along



Steve Pikiell, above, was introduced as the Rutgers Scarlet Knights Men's Basketball head coach on Tuesday. Pikiell has coached at Stony Brook for 11 seasons, winning 192 games.

the way I've never let an Athletic Director down, I've never let a president down and I've never let a student body down," Pikiell said. "And I'm not going to do it here at Rutgers."

Pikiell called coaching at Rutgers "a dream job." The new hire said that on recruiting trips, he would pass by the school while

driving on the New Jersey Turnpike and dream of coaching there one day.

The three leading scorers in Stony Brook's Division-I history—senior forward Jameel Warney, former guard Bryan Dougher and senior guard Carson Puriefoy—all went to high school in New Jersey. Warney, Dougher and Puriefoy

were each in attendance at the press conference, as were several of Pikiell's former assistant coaches.

"I don't think I've slept in four days," Pikiell said. "I'm going to tell you what our brand is going to be. It's going to be: win, win."

The move to Rutgers is a step up for Pikiell, who competed in the one-bid America East with Stony

Brook. The Scarlet Knights are in the Big Ten Conference, which saw seven of its teams make the NCAA Tournament this year.

Warney, a three-star prospect, was Pikiell's top recruit while at Stony Brook, while Rutgers committed two four-star recruits and five three-star recruits in the last three seasons.

NJ.com originally reported the news of Pikiell's departure from Stony Brook on Saturday. Stony Brook Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron has announced a nationwide search for Pikiell's replacement, according to Newsday.

"For 11 years Steve Pikiell gave his heart and soul to Stony Brook University," Heilbron said in a statement. "I have no doubt that he will bring that same philosophy to Rutgers."

Stony Brook Athletics confirmed that former assistant coach Dan Rickard will be leaving Stony Brook. NJ.com has reported that Rickard will join Pikiell in some capacity at Rutgers.

Stony Brook Director of Basketball Operations Bryan Dougher will also be joining his former coaches at Rutgers, according to a report by the Asbury Park Press. Stony Brook Athletics has not yet confirmed that report.

A search for Pikiell's replacement is underway.

## Women's Lacrosse gets back on track, wins in blowouts versus Jacksonville and No. 8 Stanford

By Skyler Gilbert  
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 8 Stanford entered Saturday afternoon's women's lacrosse game allowing just 7.7 goals per game this season. Stony Brook scored 13 goals in the first half alone.

"For us, we got back to our identity, being more of a blue-collar team," Spallina said. "We were playing [against] five-star players, five-star athletes. Top to bottom, we are probably three-star lacrosse players that had to make up the other two stars with a blue-collar work ethic... I think it was probably as complete of a performance as we've had since I've been here."

Junior attacker Courtney Murphy scored six goals and Tesoriero had 13 saves. Sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller scored her fourth goal of the game with 26:17 remaining in the second half. The tally gave the team a 10-goal lead, activating the "running clock" mercy rule.

Tesoriero churned out perhaps the finest performance of her freshman campaign, saving 65 percent of the Stanford shots on goal. Her impact was felt in the opening minutes of the game, saving six shots in the first 12 minutes, as Stony Brook opened up a 3-0 lead.

"Whenever a goalie makes a save, it's a huge jumpstart for the entire team," Murphy said. "I think you get the crowd going. Anna did awesome today, she was a huge part of our success. She was able to clear the ball out and we were able to finish it—from the save, all the way to the other net."

After the Cardinal scored a pair of goals in the first half to cut the Seawolves' lead to one, Stony Brook scored a goal just 11 seconds after the ensuing faceoff to start a 8-0 run to break the game open. Stony

Brook junior midfielder Dorrien Van Dyke secured eight draw controls, as she sparked the team's transition play throughout the span.

"My goals, and a lot of Kylie's goals too, were assisted off the fast break," Murphy said. "That's Dorrien killing it on the draw and pushing it. Dorrien may not get that assist, but she kind of got the hockey assist."

On defense, the Seawolves limited the Cardinal's ability to get open shooting lanes in the interior. Stony Brook senior defender Alyssa Fleming forced a match-best six turnovers, but the most memorable aspect of her game was on the offensive end.

With 24:43 remaining in the game, the two-time first-team All-America East selectee ran up the center of the field, retrieved

the ball and drove to the net where she scored her second career goal to give her team a 15-4 lead. "We practiced [that play] yesterday and we knew it was a possibility with them denying Dorr[ien] the ball," Murphy said. "It was awesome to see her score and I think the whole team rallied around that and that goal really killed Stanford. When a defender scores on you, I think that, like, that sucks. It kills you."

Van Dyke stormed through traffic and beat Jacksonville junior goalkeeper Kaylyn Kearns with a high shot with 18:43 remaining in the first half. Twelve seconds later, sophomore midfielder Samantha DiSalvo broke free off of the ensuing faceoff and potted a goal of her own.

Just 21 more seconds passed before Ohlmiller scored between

two defenders while falling to her left—one of her four first-half goals—to give the Seawolves an early 5-1 lead.

The women's lacrosse team's strong start paved the way for the onslaught that followed. The 12th-ranked Seawolves won 16-6 over the Dolphins, the defending Atlantic Sun Conference champions, on Thursday night at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Ohlmiller netted five goals and three assists for a total of eight points in the match, her best offensive output of the season. The 2015 America East Rookie of the Year's stickhandling arsenal was on display throughout the match, most notably on her final goal of the contest.

In possession of the ball be-

hind the opponent's net, the sophomore created separation from her defender with a sharp cut to the front of the goal. Ohlmiller flipped a no-look shot over her left shoulder while lunging to the ground just before a second defender closed on her to give Stony Brook a 14-4 lead with 19:53 remaining in the game.

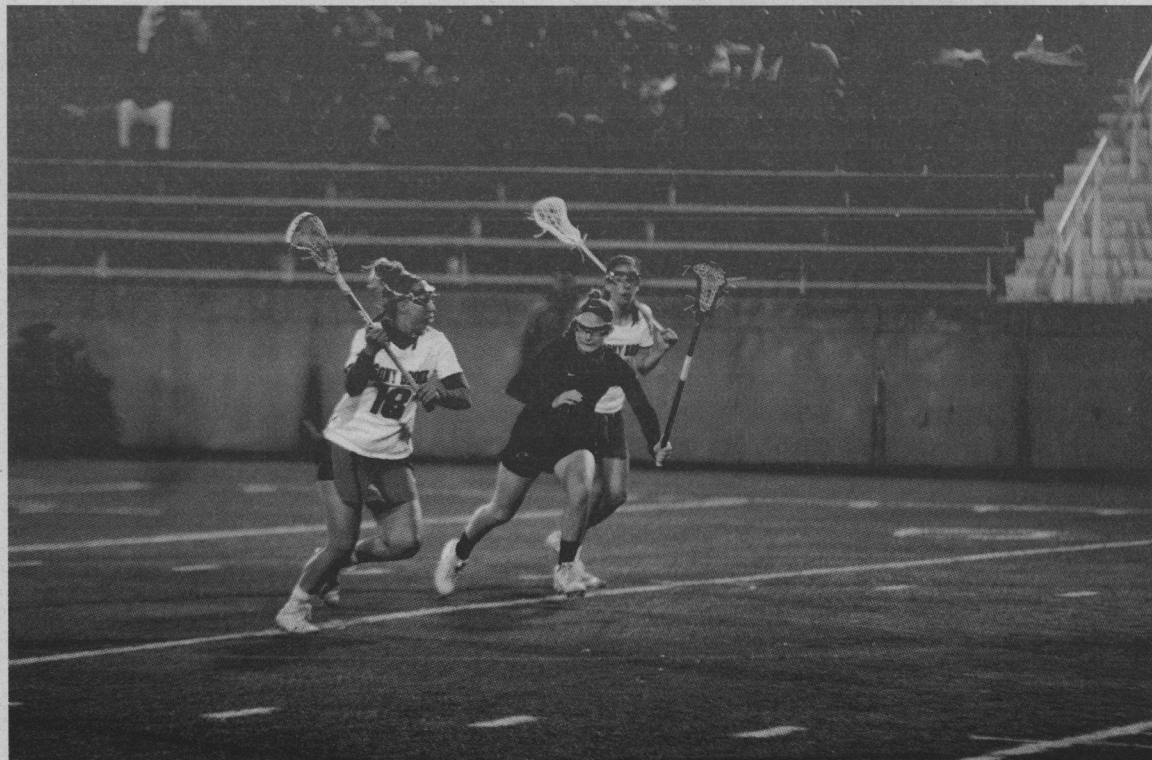
After averaging 4.3 points per game as a freshman, Ohlmiller entered Thursday's game averaging 2.9 points per game this season. In a one-goal win on Saturday against Delaware, she registered only one point.

"Kylie was disappointed in her performance on Saturday," head coach Joe Spallina said. "Her and I, we watched a ton of film this week. We watched some [New York] Lizards film and evaluated some of the dodging techniques that the guys use and her and I, we got out early to practice, and she was able to use some of that stuff tonight. I thought she played her best game of the year."

Van Dyke had four goals, and the midfielder was one of seven players to score for Stony Brook. DiSalvo and Murphy each had a pair of goals, with Murphy burying her 30th of the season. Freshman midfielder Mackenzie Burns scored her first career goal in the final minutes of the game.

Stony Brook fared well in the circle, leading Jacksonville 10-0 to eight on draw controls. The team scored five goals within 25 seconds of a draw control.

Stony Brook is now on a four-game win streak after notching its ninth-ever win against a ranked team. The Seawolves, holding a 6-3 record, will begin conference play against the Vermont Catamounts on April 2 at 3 p.m.



Junior attacker Courtney Murphy (No. 18, above) scored six goals in Stony Brook's victory over No. 8 Stanford on Saturday. Murphy has scored 36 goals this season.



# Stony Brook Track and Field wins outdoor season-opening home meet

By Greg Zarb  
Contributing Writer

With warmer days replacing class cancellations in the face of snowstorms, spring is here and spring sports are in full swing. On Thursday, the Stony Brook Track + Field team was finally able to take its meet outside for the first time.

Head coach Andrew Ronan's team outran its competitors in Columbia, La Salle and Providence in both the men's and women's field during the Stony Brook Quad Meet.

The men took down Columbia, 90-19; La Salle, 88-30; and Providence, 70-39, while the women downed Columbia, 102-28; La Salle, 101-24; and Providence, 110-16.

The Seawolves won a number of group events on Thursday, including both men and women freshmen groups winning their respective 4x100-meter relay races.

The freshman quartet of Shane Harris, Edison Estephane, Bradley Pierre and Abass Braimah won the men's race in 43.78 seconds.

Meanwhile, the team of freshman Sarah Militano, sophomore Kaylyn Gordon, freshman Nikki Fogarty and freshman Chinque Thompson won the women's 4x100-meter relay in 47.27 seconds.

The Seawolves also won the women's 4x800-meter relay race. Sophomore Jane Clark, junior



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**Junior Dana Husband (above) won the high jump on Thursday afternoon by clearing a height of 5 feet, 5 inches. Husband and the Seawolves won the season-opening meet.**

Christine Eisenberg, senior Kate Pouder and junior Maggie Fleming won the event in 9:38.59.

Several runners also won their individual events as well. Gordon came in first for the women's 100-meters in 12.16 seconds. Pouder crossed the line first the women's 1,500-meter in 4:41.34. Eisenberg captured the women's 2,000-meter steeplechase in 7:02.62.

Junior Jarrett Button came in first for the men's 400-meter in 51.13. Freshman Dara Smith took the women's 400-meter

hurdles in 1:05.06. Sophomore Darian Sorouri won the men's 2,000-meter steeplechase in 6:16.58.

Along with track, Stony Brook won several field events as well.

Sophomore Jonathan Stanco took the men's shot put with a mark of 43-feet-2.25-inches. Sophomore Allison Ross won the women's shot put with a toss of 34-feet-6.75-inches and discus at 117-feet-4.0-inches. Senior Allyson Laporte captured the women's javelin with a throw of 125-feet-1.0-inch-

es. Freshman Nailah Jones won the women's long jump — an event that freshman volleyball standout McKyla Brooks also participated in — by leaping 16-feet-7.25-inches. Junior Dana Husband took the women's high jump with a height of 5-feet-5.0-inches.

After a successful meet, the Seawolves will have about a week off before returning to action. The Seawolves will head to Williamsburg, Virginia on April 1 for the first day of the two-day event at the Colonial Relays.

## Stony Brook Tennis Results at UMBC

### Men's Tennis

#### Stony Brook 4, UMBC 3

Stony Brook singles wins:  
Junior Raphael Termat won 6-3, 6-4.  
Freshman Rodrigo Ristow Hadlich won 6-2, 6-1.  
Junior Kenzo Kauffman won 5-7, 6-4, 6-1  
Stony Brook won the doubles point, 2-0.

### Women's Tennis

#### Stony Brook 4, UMBC 3

Stony Brook singles wins:  
Sophomore Yana Nikolaeva won 6-2, 6-4.  
Freshman Devanshi Bhimjani won 7-5, 6-4.  
Junior Nadia Smergut won 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.  
Senior Becky Shtilkind won 6-0, 6-4.  
UMBC won the doubles point, 2-1.

# Stony Brook students taking on Athletic Training program

By Christian Peraino  
Staff Writer

Trading dry erase markers, long-winded lectures and clock gazing for rehab routines, cargo shorts and fanny-packs littered with adhesive tape, Stony Brook's Athletic Training Program deviates from a traditional classroom setting to offer a unique, hands-on curriculum.

Athletic Training students are paired with professional Certified Athletic Preceptors after spending their freshmen and sophomore years completing pre-requisite classes.

They engage on a clinical assignment, or real-world training, under the guidance of one designated preceptor, with student-athletes from Stony Brook University, Adelphi University, Saint Joseph's College or local high schools.

"We want everybody to have different levels of competition," Lauren J. Stephenson, a Clinical Assistant Professor in Stony Brook's Athletic Training Program, said. "A high school competition is obviously much less intense than a college competition. Then Division I is much more intense than Division III."

Each clinical assignment lasts one semester and remains the same throughout its completion. By graduation, students partake in four assignments, all in differing sites or sports that garner altering characteristics, such as gender, contact or non-contact

and level of competition.

"I'm at Saint Joseph's College, a Division III school, which only has three staff Athletic Trainers opposed to Stony Brook, which has about eight," senior William Goodland said. "At the high school, however, there is only one athletic trainer covering hundreds of athletes for multiple sports."

While on assignment, the responsibilities for Athletic Training students can encompass daily taping of athletes, injury evaluations, emergency injury treatment, injury rehabilitation and administration work as long as their preceptor visually supervises them.

"The program is very hands-on," Goodland said. "When we learn electrical stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, joint mobilizations et cetera in class in the morning, I could be setting up and performing those treatments on athletes that afternoon in clinical under my preceptor's supervision."

According to Stephenson, Athletic Training students generally notch 20 hours of clinical work per week while school is in session and 40 hours during the pre-season break.

"I loved how it is one of the few health care professions that allow you to get hands-on clinical experience during your undergrad and prepare you for a future career right away," Goodland said.

Despite this workload, the students still adhere to the 12-credit minimum — separate from clinical credits — of all

full-time students.

"If they're at the high school, they're there Monday through Friday and usually Saturdays," Stephenson explained. "College is different. Just depends when the teams are competing... They usually have practice, conditioning everyday. The students get one day off a week from clinical."

Students assigned to a Stony Brook varsity sport often receive the opportunity to travel with their respective team.

Two Athletic Training students made the five-hour long flight to Iowa in order to accompany the Men's Basketball team to the school's first NCAA Tournament game.

"A lot of us get to know our athletes very well because we're around them all the time and need to gain their trust," Goodland said. "But we keep a professional relationship similar to how an athlete would keep with a staff athletic trainer."

The Athletic Training Program admits a maximum of 20 students per class. Currently, this senior class consists of 11 students, while there are 19 juniors.

"We want to keep the faculty to student ratio as low as possible because we're one of the only current undergrad programs where our students actually have hands-on interaction with patients," Stephenson said.

Essentially a built-in internship in and of itself, the program does not officially offer outside internships. However, students regular-

ly find external work experience, and later on, career opportunities, from their vast network of preceptors, alumni, faculty and professionals met during conferences or clinical assignments.

"I personally work as a physical therapy aide in a clinic," Goodland said. "In summer and winters, I also work as a first aider at cheerleading and dance camps and competitions through people I have in contact with here, so this program definitely gives you everything you could need to succeed in this profession."

Currently, the program's alumni hold positions in a variety of places including with the New York Jets, the New York Red Bulls, the University of Florida and the New York Knicks City Dancers, according to Stony Brook's Athletic Training Program website.

However, students are not exclusively confined to a sports landscape. Stephenson cited law enforcement, military, performing arts and government as potential fields of employment for graduates.

"There's athletic trainers that work with NASA training space astronauts," Stephenson said. "There's athletic trainers working in rodeo, NASCAR. FedEx, Walgreens, their warehouses will have athletic trainers that work with them. UPS for the people who drive trucks and as well as people who do the stocking. Pretty much anywhere you can establish your value as a healthcare professional."

## Stony Brook Sports Schedule

### Tuesday

**Men's Lacrosse**  
at Lehigh, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Men's Tennis**  
vs. Hofstra, 2 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
vs. Lehigh, 2 p.m.

**Softball**  
at Manhattan, 2 p.m.

### Friday

**Track and Field**  
Colonial Relays at College of William and Mary

### Saturday

**Baseball**  
vs. Maine, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

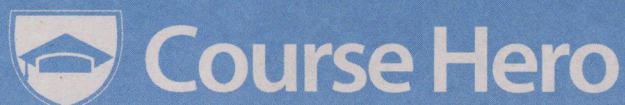
**Softball**  
vs. Maine, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**Women's Lacrosse**  
vs. Vermont, 3 p.m.

**Men's Tennis**  
at Sacred Heart, 12:30 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
vs. NJIT, 1 p.m.





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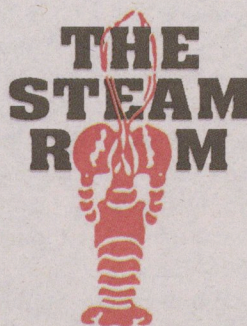
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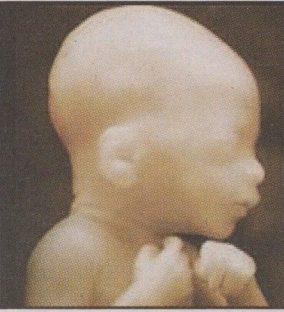


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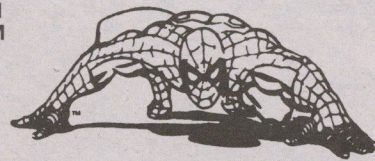
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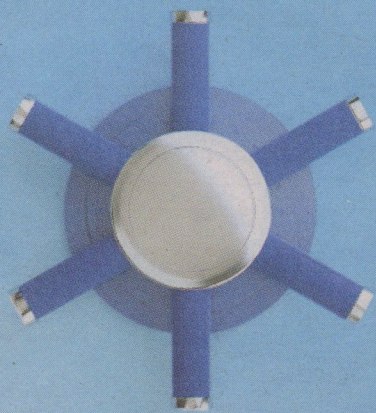
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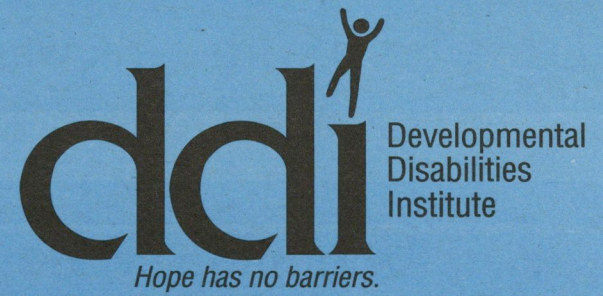
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