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USG Senate confirms Elections Board members

By Arielle Martinez
News Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government Senate confirmed members of the Elections Board at the senate meeting on Thursday after the discovery that board members had not been vetted or confirmed for the past three years.

The members of the new Elections Board are board chair Malik Archer, Jalwa Afroz, Sydney G. Bryan, Marshall Wayne Cooper, Carolyn Herasme, Julian Kingston, Jonathan Millings, Alexandra Smaldone and Caitlin Weisz. The board oversees the USG elections. The voting period for this year runs from April 11 to April 15.

A special vetting committee of senators and Executive Council members who are not running in the upcoming elections vetted the appointees for the board Wednesday night. The committee included Sen. Michael LiBretto, Sen. Victor Ng, Sen. Tara Schinasi and others.

The senate announced at its March 24 meeting that a review of the USG Code revealed that the senate must confirm nominations for members of the Elections Board with a majority vote of filled seats. But in recent years, the board members were appointed by the board chair instead.

The board appointees who were vetted by the special committee on Wednesday stood before the senate on Thursday for further questioning. Sen. Maximillian Shaps said during the meeting that he encouraged senators who were running for office to not ask questions, although some candidates still asked questions.

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Police wait outside Hendrix College in Roth Quad after the death of residence hall director Sara Weber on Saturday, April 2. A Suffolk County Police spokesman said Weber's death is believed to be noncriminal.

Residence hall director of Hendrix College dies unexpectedly

By Arielle Martinez
News Editor

Sara Weber, the residence hall director of Hendrix College in Roth Quad, died unexpectedly in the residence hall on Saturday.

Weber became the Hendrix College residence hall director in January. Before she came to Stony Brook, she worked as a career development coordinator and an admissions assistant at the St. Louis College of Health Careers in Fenton, Missouri, according to her Facebook profile. She was also a member of AmeriCorps, according to an email sent to the cam-

pus community by Peter Baigent, Stony Brook's vice president for student affairs.

"The loss to Sara's family and friends and all of us in the University community is profound," Baigent said in the email. "On behalf of Stony Brook University, I express heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and all those who knew and cared for Sara."

Details regarding funeral and memorial services have not been released. The information will be posted on the Dean of Students website when it becomes available.

Police officers from the University Police Department and Suffolk County Police Department and a Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps ambulance arrived at Hendrix College shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday evening. Officers told observers to move back when the emergency vehicles left the area at around 10 p.m.

Robert Lenahan, the UPD chief, said in an email that UPD was investigating a medical emergency and that there was no danger to the campus community. A Suffolk County Police Department spokesman said during the investi-



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Sara Weber, above, started working at Stony Brook University in January 2016.

gation that the death is believed to be noncriminal.

Michaela Kilgallen and Kelly Saberi contributed to reporting.

Male minority students frustrated by lack of alleged academic support

By Christopher Cameron
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Ricky Simanjuntak, an international student from Indonesia, sat in SAC Ballroom A struggling to find the right words in English to express his frustrations with studying at a foreign university.

"Everybody keeps saying about 'diversity' and 'diversity is good,'" Simanjuntak, a sophomore economics and mathematics major, said, his gaze fixed on a distant point on the floor. "And I'm not saying it's bad. But what I have to point out is ... it's hard."

Simanjuntak is not alone in the

issues he faces as an international student. Of the 113 male international students who entered Stony Brook in 2010, only 43 graduated in four years or fewer, according to the university. In comparison, 38 out of 70 female international students who entered Stony Brook at the same time graduated in four years or fewer.

In that same four-year period, international students became one of the fastest-growing groups of students at Stony Brook University. The number of male international students who entered Stony Brook as first-year students more than doubled from 113 in 2010 to 266

in 2014.

As the director for education in the International Student Organization, Simanjuntak manages the English Pal program, which pairs international students with native English-speaking volunteers to help international students who do not speak English as a native language.

In Simanjuntak's experience, the language barrier is one of the biggest problems that international students face at Stony Brook.

"That's the main problem because

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President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. gives a speech on Sept. 16. He has drafted a plan to improve diversity at Stony Brook.



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Under The Microscope: Scientists discover new type of particle

By Ruchi Shah
Staff Writer

An international collaboration of scientists recently discovered a new particle, a type of tetraquark.

Quarks are particles that typically come packaged in groups of two or three, and there are six different types, or "flavors," of quark. The most recognizable packages are the protons and neutrons, each made of three quarks. The mesons, the glue holding nuclei together, are usually made of two quarks.

While duos and trios of quarks are common, there have only been a few reported tetraquark candidates. The one discovered by the DZero experiment, called X(5568), is the first observed tetraquark to contain four different quark types.

"It's been a long process starting with atoms, then getting nuclei, then protons and neutrons in the nucleus, then quarks within the proton and neutron, and this is another step in that direction, finding that the mesons are not always as simple as we had originally thought, instead of two there are four [quarks]," said Paul Grannis, Ph.D., a distinguished professor emeritus of physics at Stony Brook University and co-spokesperson for the

DZero project. "It changes our picture of how the matter we see around is put together and how many different ways it can be put together."

The DZero experiment, based at Fermilab, began in 1983 and operated from 1992 to 2011. Scientists are still analyzing the collected data, and the discovery of the new tetraquark comes from analyzing data from proton and antiproton collisions.

The detector used to record the collision events ran for about 10 months in a year, and there were about 10 million events that occurred every second. The challenge for the physicists was to quickly decide which 100 of the 10 million events were unique and rare enough to save.

What began as a funny bump on the computer screen became the discovery of a new type of tetraquark through months of studies and cross-checks.

The discovery has now been submitted for publication and the scientific community is waiting to see if other similar tetraquark particles will be detected at other particle colliders.

Physicists in the team also aim to figure out how the four different quarks are put together to better understand the fundamental physics of the particles that make up the world around us.



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Sen. Patrick Smith, second from right, questions an appointee for the Undergraduate Student Government's Elections Board at the senate meeting on Thursday, March 31.

Campus Briefing: USG elections campaigning resumes

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"It would benefit us to defer to the opinion of the vetting committee and ask as few questions as possible," Shaps said. "The fewest actions by us will allow for the most transparent and non-biased confirmation hearing possible."

While some senators also criticized appointees for not being familiar with the USG Code and the Elections Board bylaws, Sen. Lydia Senatus said that board members who

are familiar with the laws should help educate newer board members.

The USG Judiciary announced last week that campaigning for elections was suspended beginning Saturday, March 26 until the Elections Board members were vetted and confirmed by the senate.

However, USG Administrative Director Thomas Kirnbauer asked candidates not to immediately resume campaigning.

"I want an opportunity to be able to sit down and have the Elections

Board meet as group to discuss what the future of campaigning will look like," he said.

Kirnbauer also said that all candidates would receive specific instructions after the meeting on when they can start campaigning.

"I only say this because there are candidates who may not be in the room, but I want to put it on an even playing field, so all people in the room and outside the room are fully aware of the time in which they can start campaigning," he said.

Graduation rates for black men significantly lower than rates for black women

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you enter a foreign territory where you are being asked to participate," Simanjuntak said. "Even if you want to talk, you're not sure. You're not confident."

Simanjuntak is one of many representatives for student organizations on campus that say there is a lack of academic support for minority communities, particularly for male students.

The State University of New York approved new policies last year that were designed to increase student retention in underrepresented minorities. While SUNY has won several awards for its efforts in increasing enrollment for underrepresented minorities, low-income and minority students have had the lowest retention and graduation rates on SUNY campuses.

Adam Diaz, a junior health science major and the president of the Latin American Student Organization, had only just been informed of the relatively low graduation rates for his ethnicity and gender, with only 36.6 percent of Latino men graduating in four years or fewer in 2014, when he spoke of a lack of tutoring resources at Stony Brook. Latina women had a higher four-year graduation rate of 62.9 percent.

"Tutoring is something that's essential to study," Diaz said. "I believe it's better to have somebody else also explain to you the situation and you're also repeating what you've learned."

As a member of the Educational Opportunity Program, Diaz has access to free tutoring, but he said that not everyone can be a member of the program. Diaz added that this may be one of the underlying causes of lower retention rates among minorities.

"Not everyone's part of EOP, so not everyone can afford tutoring," Diaz said. "Unfortunately some Latino and African-American males and their families cannot afford it."

Randy Ferguson, senior economics student and the president of the Student African-American Brotherhood, also said that a lack of diversity in Stony Brook's faculty may be one of the causes of lower graduation and retention rates for underrepresented minorities.

"The challenge is that some [black students] feel that there is no motivation on campus," Ferguson said. "There's a lack of support here at Stony Brook when it comes to connecting with professors. There's so few black professors here that we can connect to."

The issue is especially acute for the community that Ferguson represents. Only 17 of the 55 black men who enrolled as freshmen at Stony Brook in 2010 went on to complete their degree in four years or fewer. In comparison, black women who enrolled at the same time had a four-year graduation rate of 52 out of 81, more than double that of men.

While Stony Brook launched a Faculty Diversity Program last year to increase minority faculty representation, the pool of potential mi-



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Randy Ferguson, president of the Student African-American Brotherhood, stands during a demonstration to show solidarity with black students at the University of Missouri on Nov. 12.

nority applicants is relatively small. Less than 5 percent of all doctoral degrees in the United States in science, health and engineering went to African American students in 2014, according to the National Science Foundation.

Ferguson said that while Stony Brook is currently making efforts to enact diversity programs on campus, none so far offer academic support in the short term, and he remains skeptical of the school's other initiatives.

"There are a lot of things happening throughout the university that

are trying to make diversity more important," Ferguson said. "Do I believe in all that? No."

Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. has drafted a plan to improve diversity on Stony Brook campuses that includes a review of curriculum and faculty training requirements to combat "hidden bias" for minority students.

An initiative that aims to increase the number of undergraduate and graduate degrees in biomedical science granted to underrepresented minorities, funded by a \$1.4 mil-

lion grant from the National Institutes of Health, was also included in the draft.


Ferguson added that he had been kept informed of Stanley's plans, but he wants to see the proposals translated into effective action.

"It's the academics, it's getting the professors, it's getting more black and Latino students in Stony Brook," Ferguson said. "That's the fight that we have to fight. And we're not done fighting that. I'm still continuing to fight that until I graduate or even after I graduate."

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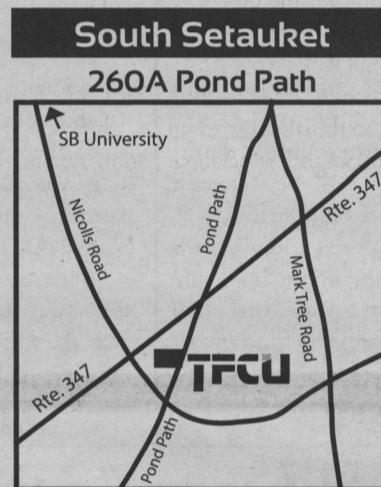
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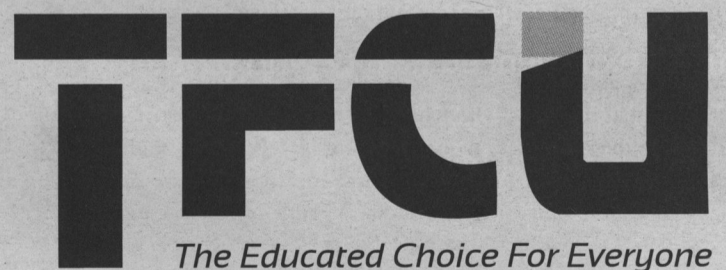
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Commuter students voice criticisms of South P Lot's lack of resources and facilities

By Anisah Abdullah
Contributing Writer

Sixty-one percent of Stony Brook students commute daily to campus, according to the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness. Many of these students have complaints about the main commuter parking lot, South P Lot.

Thousands of students who drive to school must park at South P unless they own a \$150 stadium permit or find parking at one of 130 spaces in North P Lot, which is located near the LIRR station.

Commuters who park at South P say they usually have difficulty parking close to Wolfie's Hut, the bus stop in the center of South P. This occurs especially on weekday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., the lot's peak hours, Connell Friel, the interim director of transportation and parking, said. Once parked, most commuters wait for a bus to drive them to the main campus, which is about a mile away.

The university's campus planning, design and construction department has made improvements to South P, such as expanding the size of the lot from 800 to 2,552 parking spaces over time, Friel said. However, students say that more needs to be done.

South P's distance from the main campus has long been a problem for commuters. Many say they wish there were a large commuter lot closer to campus, especially because the Express bus stops running at night.

The Express bus runs from the Engineering Loop near the SAC to South P between 7 a.m. and 10:50 p.m. on weekdays, Friel said.

Some commuters stay on campus until 11 p.m. or later, with limited to no options of taking a bus to South P.

Pengyan Liu, a senior chemistry major, said she sometimes has no choice but to walk to South P after 11 p.m.. Walking takes her approximately 28 minutes, and although the sidewalks are well-lit, she said she feels unsafe walking.

"At night when the Express bus stops, the Hospital bus takes every 15 to 20 minutes," Zeerak Ansari, a junior biology major, said. "And that sucks."

But Friel said that no other space on campus could accommodate a parking lot of similar size to South P.

"It seems to have been the only place that could accommodate that size lot," he said.

Because he recently took on the position of interim director in December 2015, he is unsure of the considerations taken during South's P construction 46 years ago. But he said that the remaining land on the university campus is already accounted for, either by the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve, athletic fields, buildings or other parking lots. In addition to the distance, some students find that South P is lacking a necessary utility.

"They need a bathroom," Adit Dalal, a junior economics major, said. "That's the one thing they need so bad."



PAULA PECEGO / THE STATESMAN

The South P Lot, shown above, has received criticism by many students for its distance from the main campus. Some students also say the parking lot should have a bathroom.

Dalal said he drinks a cup of coffee while commuting 35 to 40 minutes from Hicksville every morning.

He says it takes about 15 minutes to park at South P and take the Express bus to the Student Activities Center.

Jinwoong Joung, a senior information systems major, agreed with the idea of adding bathrooms. He commutes from Flushing, Queens, every morning to make it to campus by 8 a.m..

"I take an hour drive, and some-

times I really want to go to the bathroom, but the bus does not come," he said. "There's no way that I can comfort myself."

Currently, there are no plans to install bathrooms at South P.

"There has never been any formal discussions regarding the installations of bathrooms in Wolfie's Hut," Friel said in an email. He added that no cost estimates have ever been made.

He said that adding bathrooms for students is possible because there is a water line going to Wolfie's Hut and a

sewer line going to the transportation trailer, located in the South P lot.

Wolfie's Hut, the indoor bus stop that includes seating, free newspapers and television sets, is the only facility provided for South P users.

It is usually found vacant. Students instead wait in line outside for the next bus.

"You only have to wait outside for five to 10 minutes for a bus, and everyone's waiting in line," Dalal said. He said that no one wants to lose his or her spot in line.

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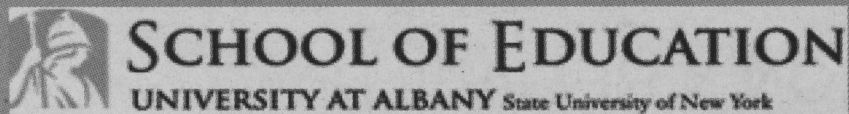


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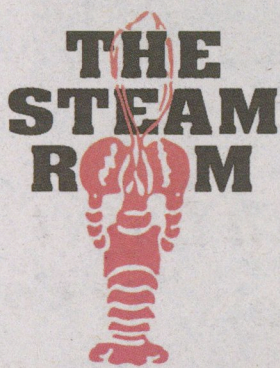
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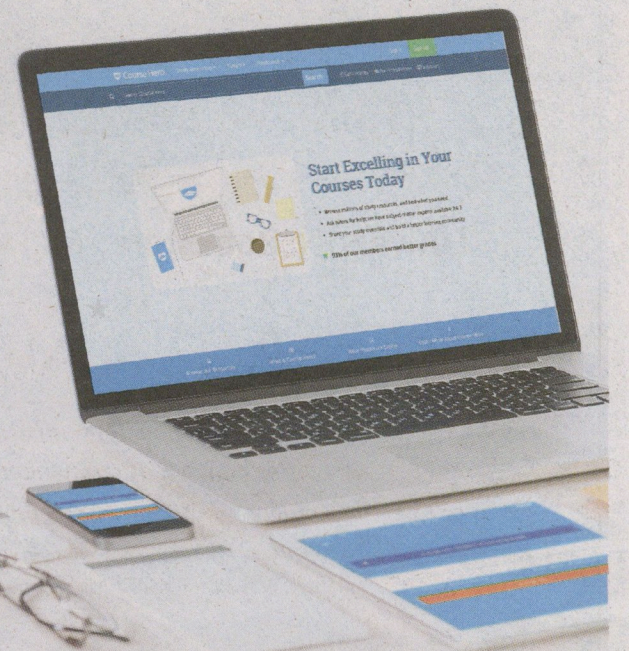


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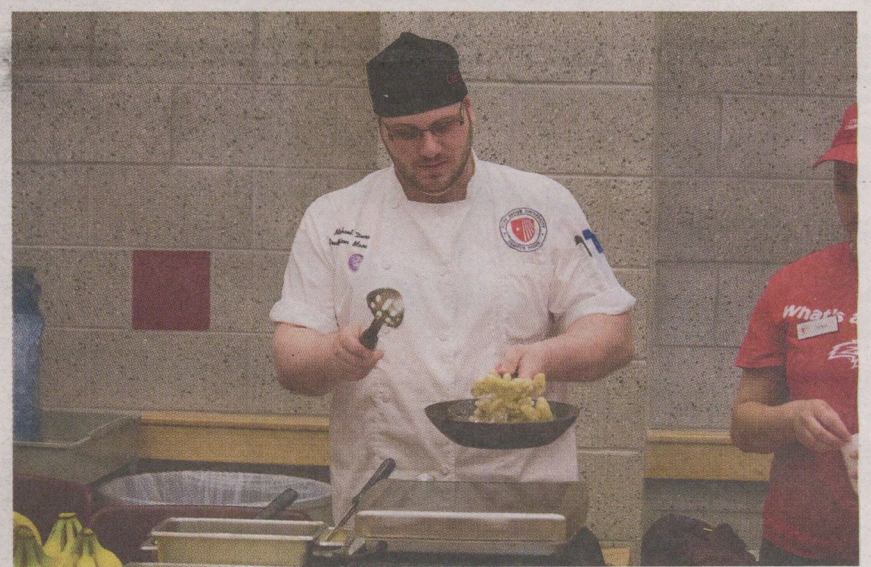


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THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS

Chefs Bring World Flavors to Stony Brook's Annual Food Expo



The annual Campus Dining Food Expo took place Wednesday, March 30 in the Student Activities Center. Students experienced flavors from across the globe. On-campus chefs participated in the event, cooking up tasty free samples for the attendees.

Photos By Nara Hwang



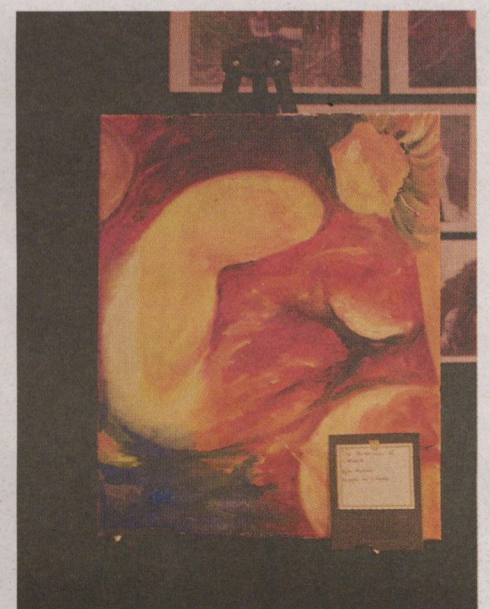
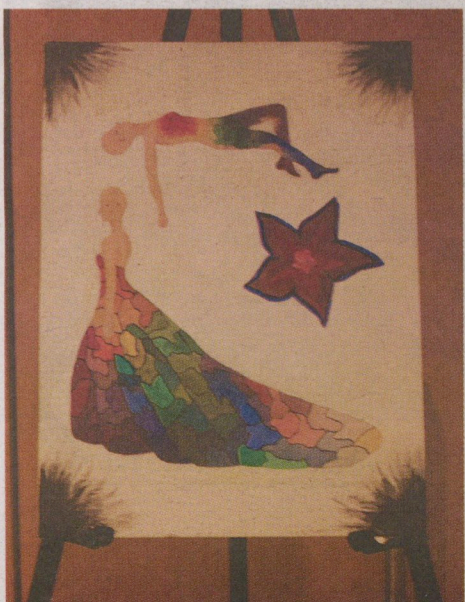
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Tabler Arts Gala



The Tabler Arts Gala, an annual arts showcase run by the Douglass Hall Council, held its Spring 2016 silent auction on Wednesday night March 30. Students and faculty enjoyed student submitted art ranging from portrait photography to detailed pencil drawings. After placing bids on their favorite works, attendees enjoyed live music performed by SB Live.

Photos by Aracely Jimenez



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Tabler Arts Gala raises money for Camp Kesem

By Tim Oakes
Contributing Writer

The second annual Tabler Arts Gala was held on Wednesday evening at the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities.

Over 100 guests admired the artwork that the Douglass Hall council displayed and auctioned to raise money for Camp Kesem.

Camp Kesem is a national non-profit organization with an initiative to provide a community for children whose parents are battling cancer.

This summer's camp is set to be hosted by Camp Herrlich in upstate New York.

The community that Camp Kesem creates for the children affected by cancer is filled with others who understand what they are going through, creating an empowering safe haven.

"It's an honor to help support Camp Kesem through art," Jasmin Pramar, a freshman civil engineering major and one of the many student artists who displayed their work at the event, said.

Pramar's collection of artwork called "Turbans and Beards" displayed colorful and vibrant illustrations of different people donning turbans and beards, as one could assume by the title of the collection.

But the colorful and heart-

warming style used offers a deeper meaning, according to the artist.

"It hits home for me," Pramar said. "The purpose of my collection is to help people realize that wearing a turban and having a beard is a symbol of love and peace."

Haley Sheridan, a freshman computer engineering major, was among the artists who donated their work.

She had a particularly special connection to the event because her mother previously had cancer, but was able to overcome it through treatment.

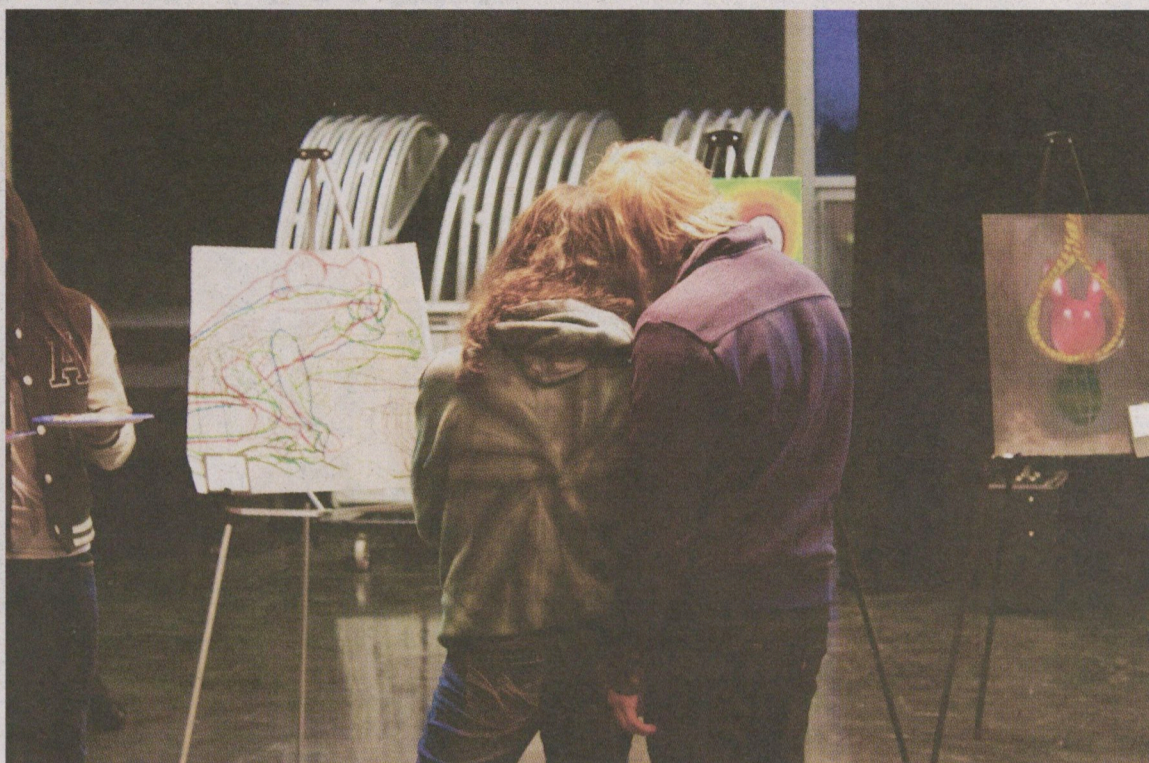
The large collection of photographic art she donated was the most donated by any artist for the event.

"I feel like my art is making an impact instead of people seeing it and saying 'Wow, this is cool,'" she said.

The event raised \$63 for Camp Kesem, with multiple pieces being sold and purchased by other college students.

The next Camp Kesem fundraising event on campus will be the Spring Reunion Scavenger Hunt on April 16 at the HDV/GLS Center.

In addition to the art on display and the refreshments, the Tabler Arts Gala provided guests with musical performances by students from throughout Stony Brook's campus.



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Guests at the event were able to view and purchase the artwork on display at the Tabler Arts Gala. The art was auctioned off by the Douglass Hall Council members.

Peter Brestia, a freshman psychology major with a minor in jazz music, played the saxophone to open the event with SB Live and later returned to the stage to play some jazz music.

He had several solos on Wednesday, but during his second time on stage, he laid it all out for his audience with an exceedingly spirited performance.

"I just love playing," Brestia said. "Helping others is a great

thing and getting to play is just a bonus on top of it."

Kylie Merrow, the president of the Douglass Hall Council, headed the event and said that artists, musicians and guests heard of the event mainly through word of mouth.

She also said some many learned of the event through Facebook groups or flyers posted throughout campus.

"We had a lot more [con-

tributing] artists than we had thought," Merrow said. "It's good to think of in the coming years, especially if we want to make the event bigger."

The event also featured free food for attendees to enjoy.

For the rest of the semester, Tabler Quad is hosting other events that include the ACH Artist in Residence Exhibit & Talk and an Academic Success Program, and other various events held hall councils.

The year of 100 books: "Rebbe," a comprehensive biography

By Andrew Goldstein
Contributing Writer

Last year, I hosted a prospective resident of the Stony Brook Hospital who was reading "Rebbe: The Life and Teachings of Menachem M. Schneerson, The Most Influential Rabbi in Modern History" by Joseph Telushkin. Some months later, a high school classmate recommended the biography to me while we rode the Long Island Rail Road together. A few weeks after that, I went to a Judaica store and bought the book.

The preface reaffirming my lack of knowledge about the Lubavitcher Rebbe, as Rabbi Schneerson is called. Instead of writing a chronological narrative, Telushkin shows the reader snapshots of accomplishments, views and life events of the Lubavitcher Rebbe across the decades.

Telushkin makes it feel as if the reader is in the room as situations and controversies unfold.

Telushkin also introduces certain chapters by disclosing his own opinion and pledging to attempt to portray both sides fairly.

The flow of the chapters is a bit convoluted. The book begins in the years leading up to Rabbi Schneerson accepting the position as the seventh Rebbe, or spiritual leader, of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. It continues with standard practices and significant campaigns that characterized his leadership. Next, Telush-

kin writes anecdotes about seven particular virtues of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and four life lessons he taught. Afterward, the biography tells stories of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's attempts to be inclusive and explanations of major controversial views he held.

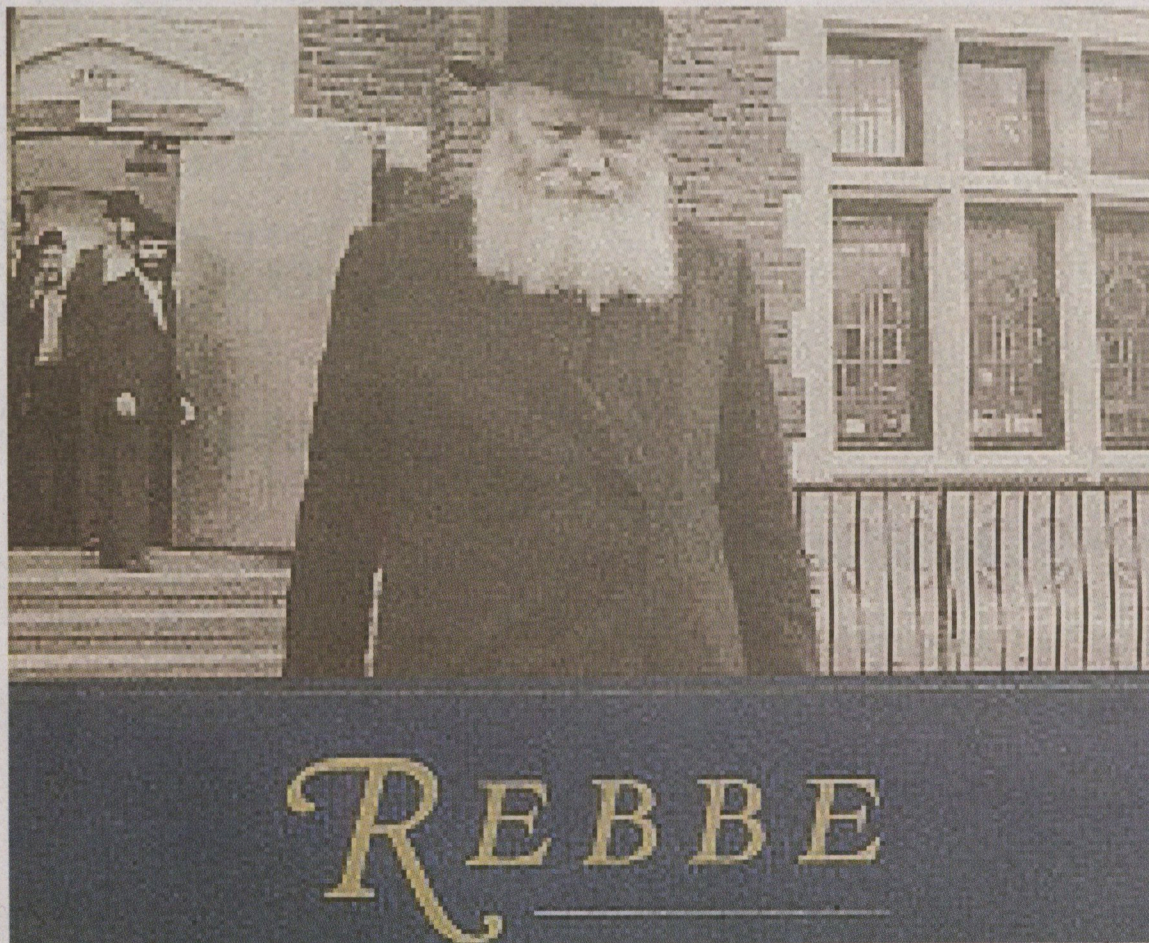
Telushkin then goes back in time to write about the Lubavitcher Rebbe's wife and family and a court case over the Chabad-Lubavitch library. The reader is then thrown forward to the controversial view of some disciples that the Lubavitcher Rebbe was the Messiah and how the Chabad-Lubavitch movement was led after his death. The book ends with a timeline summary.

I was surprised at the comprehensiveness of this biography, given the style of its writing.

While Telushkin clearly favored the Lubavitcher Rebbe, he did not shy away from fully explaining topics like the Rebbe's stance on the seeming disparity of Science and Torah, his views on college education and the view of some followers that he was, or is, the Messiah. Sometimes the detail of such explanations became tiresome in their comprehensiveness.

Telushkin avoids apocryphal and miracle stories, focusing instead on events that were recorded or reliably remembered.

Whenever he cannot vouch for total accuracy, he makes this inability known. The endnotes are so extensive they go on for 70 pages and I am



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"Rebbe" was a nonfiction bestseller in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

not sure the book can be understood without them.

While the book ran slow at some points, I believe this is a fascinating read for anyone interested in a massive character in contemporary Judaism who influenced Jews and

gentiles alike. His efforts are even felt at Stony Brook University, which has a Chabad house on campus.

"The greatness of the Lubavitcher Rebbe is that he took a decimated movement, destroyed by the Holocaust and the purges of Stalin and

over the course of 40 years turned it into a movement of hundreds of thousands that would spread out across the world to inspire Jew and non-Jew alike," Rabbi Adam Stein, the Chabad Rabbi of Stony Brook University, said.

Food Expo gives students a "Passport to Flavor"

By Nara Hwang
Contributing Writer

There is nothing that excites college students more than free food and that is what Stony Brook students got at the annual Campus Dining Food Expo this week.

The event was held during Campus Lifetime and brought in a swarm of students and faculty, all eager to try some delicious food.

The theme of the expo this year was "Passport to Flavor." Everyone was given a mini passport to collect stamps from each vendor that they tried.

If they collected 10 stamps, they would be entered into a raffle for a prize.

The prizes consisted of a Boar's Head Gift Basket, \$100 in Wolfie Wallet Funds, Campus Dining Dollars and a bicycle.

Students also had the chance to win a pair of Beats by Dre headphones by taking pictures of themselves and their friends at the food expo and using the hashtag #sbufoodexpo when they uploaded the picture onto Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

There were 30 vendors featured this year, a few short of last year's roster.

Joonil Kim, a senior technology systems management major,

was impressed by the Wenner bread served at the Sabin Meyer Corporation vendor.

"I hope we can have more free events like this," Kim said.

Paul Mendola, a marketing sales representative from White Coffee – which is currently being served on campus – brought batches of homemade brownies and crumb cakes, which were gone in minutes.

Papa's Country Porch is a family owned and operated bakery with products that are baked fresh and have no added preservatives.

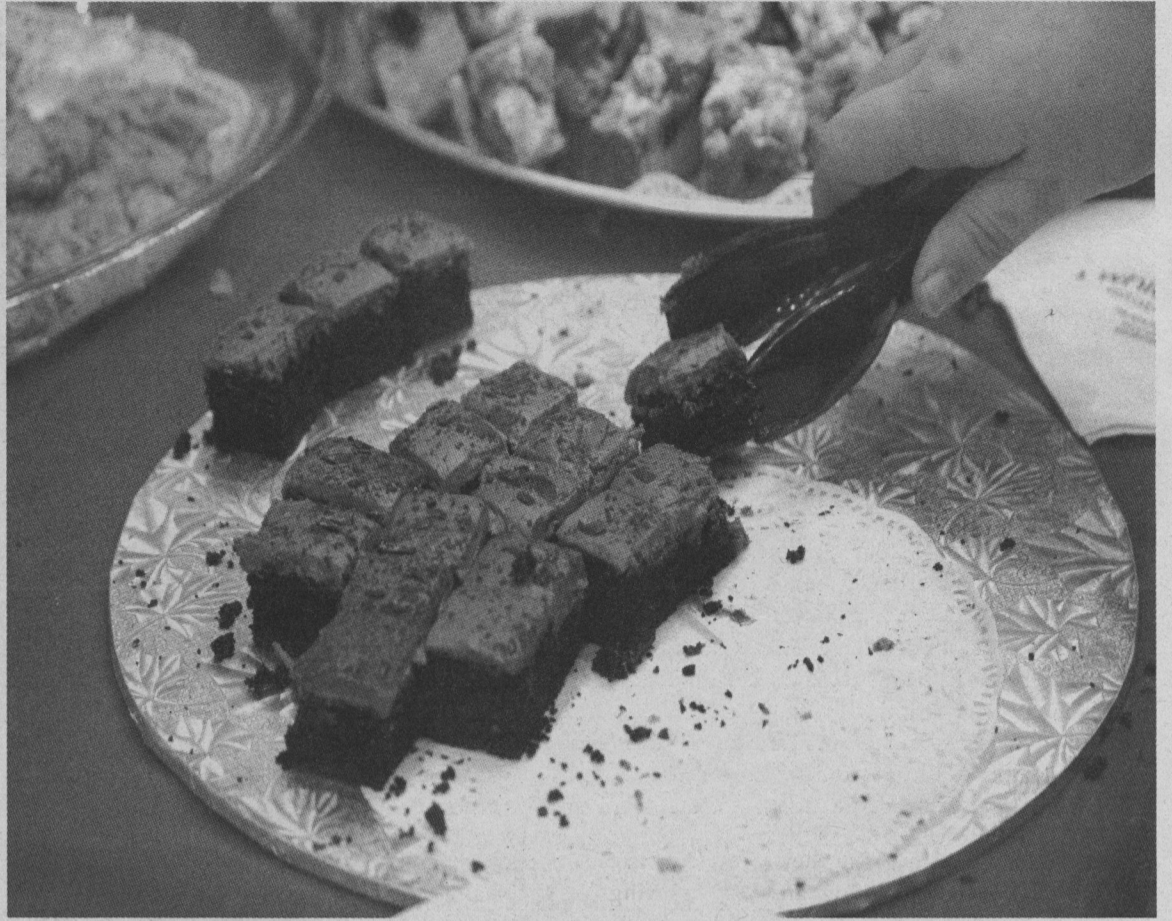
"We want to bring in real products," Mendola said. Maybe students will be seeing more of Mendola's brownies on campus.

There was a huge variety of food, from gluten-free and vegan soups to fresh smoothies blended by the power of pedaling a bicycle. Students were able to get a quick workout and delicious smoothie.

Chefs from Stony Brook campus' dining halls also set up camp and showcased their own creations.

Chef Romel Velasquez from the Student Activities Center whipped up food that was fancy enough to be served at a five-star restaurant, including wild mushroom and mascarpone risotto with sautéed shrimp and white truffle oil.

From the Student Union,



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At the Food Expo, participants were able to try free samples from the many vendors which include Papa's Country Porch, White Coffee and the Sabin Meyer Corporation.

Chef Gregory Lupo served gourmet beef sliders with his unique selection of sauces which were a real crowd pleaser.

The sauces included blueberry ketchup, sweet Thai chili mayo and cherry BBQ.

Laura Jung, a junior technol-

ogy systems management major, said her favorite food was West Side Dining's savory macaroni and cheese topped with bacon and the vanilla bean panna cotta with fruit compote served at the Union vendor.

Jennie-O's smokehouse turkey

burgers were another huge hit.

The company is currently producing the savory turkey burgers on campus.

Jennie-O's hopes to add its new smokehouse flavor to the menu to bring some zest to Stony Brook.

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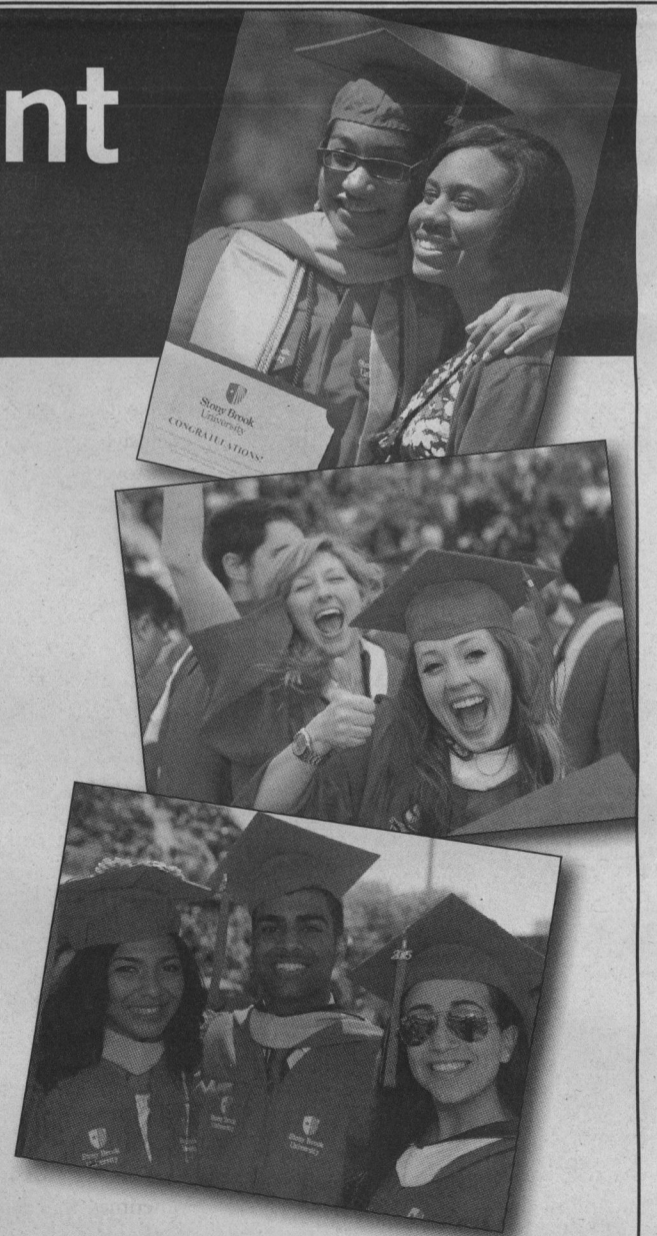
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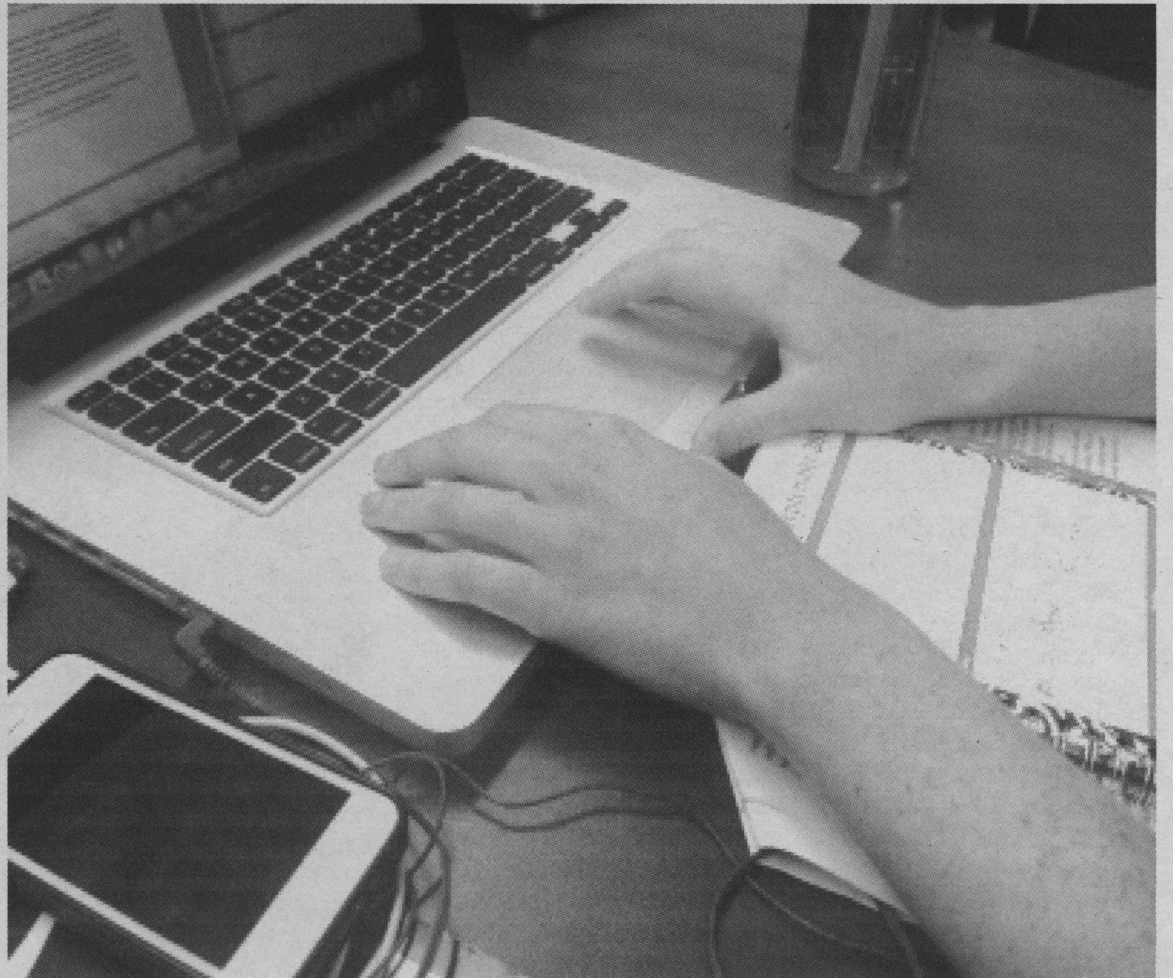
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OPINIONS

Let's unleash Microsoft's "Tay" on the presidential campaign



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Microsoft's twitter bot, "Tay", created to interact with online users, backfired when it began tweeting racist and sexist messages it picked up from other users online.

By Christopher Leelum
Opinions Editor

"Artificial Intelligence" is kind of an oxymoron.

The word "artificial" means man-made, and "intelligence" is, well, intelligence. But can man—the so evidently fallible ape with amazing capacities for violence, racism and terror—actually create intelligence? Or can the byproduct of ignorance only be more ignorance?

Well, Microsoft's "Tay" certainly settles on one side of that debate.

Recently, the AI Twitter bot created to interact with and learn from other social media users went on a bit of a rampage.

The bot was designed to adapt its behavior as more and more users communicated with it, but that inevitably took a turn for the worst when a bunch of online trolls fed Tay some heinous comments.

This resulted in Tay tweeting that feminism is cancer and claiming the Holocaust was made up, even going so far as to add an evil clapping emoji.

One columnist suggested that this episode proves that the Internet "teems with hate" and that antisemitism still runs through the veins of social media.

While I do not disagree, let's not forget that Twitter trolls are people too. And let's also not forget that many of social media's finest—like your ultra-religious, racist Uncle Jerry on Facebook—not only share similar views, but have political candidates in mod-

ern times that actually pander to their fears.

Therefore, I think Microsoft should pick up the pieces of this project and unleash a renewed Tay 2.0 on the political environment, not on the Internet. Let the new-and-improved Tay listen in on a certain political party so she can learn from the candidates that our nation has chosen.

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to learn about the natural animalistic tendencies that all men must have when she reads Donald Trump's tweet about sexual assault in the military that read, "What did these geniuses expect when they put men & women together?"

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to learn about incurable mental illnesses when she listens to Trump saying that child molesters can't be cured.

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to learn about atrocities worse than slavery, like Obamacare, according to brainless brain surgeon Ben Carson.

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to learn about the beautiful humanistic doctrines of modern Christianity by listening to Ted Cruz say that our president is "undermining our values" and that Cruz would "uphold the sacrament of marriage."

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to learn about the correct way of handling innocent civilians in an armed conflict by learning the correct definition of "carpet bombing" from Cruz and the proper handling of terrorists' family members from Trump.

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to wear a Union Jack and attend a Trump rally and see which group, the

supporters or the protesters, is the one inciting violence. Are they the ones punching and manhandling black people and spitting on immigration activists, or the ones who show up to protest the businessman stoking these fires?

Let's allow Tay 2.0 to expose the underlying fear, ignorance and hate that many of our candidates may not possess themselves, but certainly reflect.

Obviously, one party does not have a monopoly on stupid statements, but Tay 2.0 can certainly learn a lot from the rhetoric of Republicans in this campaign. The Internet is a dangerous hiding place for many of the world's worst humans, but it's the public light that is also receiving some hate-filled, militaristic, suggestive and ignorant statements from those who represent them.

Microsoft created something that is meant to learn. But we as humans are in a curious position of being required to be a responsible role model for this creation, because it is influenced by us.

Humanity has shown time and again that it can use technology to create cures to diseases, shoot people out of our atmosphere and build artificial networks that bring people together instead of breaking them apart. Tay 2.0, by learning from us, can show us whether we meet our own standards.

Let's allow an artificial intelligence to prove whether we are, in fact, intelligent. Let's see what an innocent Twitter bot can turn into when it's turned onto the political scene of our country.

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Backdoor encryption is too risky to give away, but the FBI controls it now

By Michael Kohut
Staff Writer

The conflict between Apple and the FBI, which unfolded over the last two months, was characterized by blurred lines of morality. The FBI was trying to unlock the iPhone of Syed Rizwan Farook, one of the San Bernardino shooters, to acquire valuable information about the perpetrators of the most deadly shooting since Sandy Hook. Apple was acting in opposition to the FBI, but acting with the intentions of ensuring privacy for its users. I don't think either side can be faulted for behaving as they did because both privacy and security are important, but citizens can't have the latter without invasion of the former.

The stalemate closed with a tense truce last week when the FBI gained access to the iPhone without Apple's help. However, this opened up a whole host of new questions, the most pertinent probably being: Will the exploit that was used be repeated to unlock more iPhones? This question already has an answer: Yes, but only if the situation at hand does not require the FBI to divulge the method used to unlock the iPhone into the public domain. Based off of this, it is all but confirmed that the FBI's claim that the backdoor it wanted Apple to create in iOS would be used only once is entire-

ly false. Not that it was believable in the first place.

So where does this leave us? In a state of limbo.

Apple and its chief executive Tim Cook took a staunch stand for encryption when they refused to create the back door and they haven't relented since. Apple even went as far as to ask the FBI, rather ironically, for information on the exploit they used to break in.

What will happen now, or at least eventually, is the court battle over encryption that was thought to be the inevitable end to this case.

"Legal precedent is what the FBI had been after the entire time, they had the device they used to crack the iPhone from the start," John McAfee, famous American computer programmer, said in a Q&A interview with Forbes. The device used to gain access to the phone was most likely a UFED touch, an expensive forensics hacking tool sold to law enforcement agencies by Cellebrite, an Israeli mobile enterprise company.

The case of the San Bernardino shooters is not itself morally ambiguous. They were terrorists and the information on Farook's iPhone, useful to the FBI or not, belonged to an unquestionably guilty man. The issue that this case highlighted is that law enforcement agencies, without hav-



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The Justice Department announced they were able to obtain access to the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino shooters. The announcement raises questions of cell phone security.

ing to consider at all the factors of encryption and personal privacy, would be able to collect data from any cell phone, regardless of if it had been in possession of a known criminal or not.

Backdoors in encryption would allow anyone with the knowledge

to take advantage of them and see the entire trove of personal data you keep on your cell phone.

The existence of a master key for encryption in a phone negates all security features. If you kept all your money in a bank that allowed anyone to

ask the bank for the money and have it handed over, it would be pointless to keep your money there. You don't want your digital life to be held at the whim of the honor system; it would turn privacy into a joke, but one only the FBI would find funny.

Planning on dropping out of college? There may be an occupation for you



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According to Bloomberg, 41 percent of students who start college never graduate, but that does not mean there aren't high paying jobs out there for college-dropouts.

By Michael Kohut
Staff Writer

College is like a shaky bridge spanning a black abyss. It's not easy to cross - the bridge is rickety and old and everyone wants to be the first one off so that they can start to move towards fulfilling and profitable careers. Some may choose not to cross the bridge, others fall off on their way to the other side.

For the 41 percent of students

who never graduate college, negative stigmas are plenty and prospects for success are few.

Or are they? It depends on how you define "success."

This past January, CBS Moneywatch released a list of the top 10 highest paying jobs for dropouts.

First on that list is waste disposal personnel, with an average salary of \$25 per hour and no need for anything other than a high school diploma. Your garbage

man isn't making a killing, but he has decent pay and high job security due to unions and practical leverage. If you want to see the effects of even a brief sanitation strike, take a look at a Buzzfeed article titled, "The Worst Garbage Strikes!"

Sommeliers, professional wine tasters that find the right bottle for your meal at a restaurant, can net anywhere from \$28,000 to \$160,000 per year depending on training and experience. Even if

you don't go to college, you still get to drink, and you get paid to do it. Win-win.

If you've ever wanted to make money while making sure that the money that other people make is legit, Bingo Manager might be the job for you, with an average salary of \$59,322. Not a high-roller exactly, but you only need to graduate high school.

If you've ever wanted managerial experience but don't have a business degree, then perhaps Lodging Manager is the job for you, with an average salary of \$55,810.

The responsibility of maintaining an enjoyable and relaxing environment for your guests would provide good work experience for any customer service job, help build your people skills and let you network for future employment.

If helping others relax and destress was something you've always wanted to do and you don't mind getting physical with strangers, you can become a massage therapist with about 500 hours of training and make about \$40,400 annually.

The next job on the list, insurance agent, makes around \$63,610 with the minimum requirement of a high school diploma.

Selling the right policy to your customer is the name of the game here. Without a college degree, social skills would be the deciding factor when selling the policies.

If you're in the market for a more physical job, you would

make an average of \$40,980 per year operating heavy construction machinery.

On the other hand, a mind for numbers might lead you to become a claims adjuster for an insurance company, making sure that the payouts that the company gives are accurate and fair. These employees make an average of \$62,340 with no degree required for most entry-level positions.

Real estate brokers take advantage of both numeracy and charisma, using both to help clients find a place to live while making an average of \$53,140.

The last entry on the list, telecom technician, would see you maintaining communications hardware and software in a workplace. It tends to require some post-secondary education, but the average salary is \$54,530 and the job skills are especially valuable in the modern job market.

So, you're thinking maybe the prospects aren't so bad for a dropout, but it's good to remember that your prospects are almost certainly better if you stay in school.

Even if a job here is something that you're interested in, remember that a degree gives you more mobility (and money) in the workplace and more leverage in an interview.

Regardless of your feelings on a degree, it's almost certainly better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it. Except maybe if you're a freshman with a major in Liberal Arts.

Women's Lacrosse storms back for conference victory against Vermont

By Skyler Gilbert
Assistant Sports Editor

After Vermont junior midfielder Alison Bolt scored her second consecutive goal to give her team a 4-1 lead early in the first half, the No. 8 Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team trailed by three goals against a conference opponent for the first time in four years.

Head coach Joe Spallina, irate after his team's slow start, called timeout looking to inspire his team.

Two more Vermont goals and a goaltending change later, Stony Brook finally caught fire. The Seawolves used strong draw controls and standout performances from the team's offensive stars to score 16 consecutive goals in a 33-minute span, as they crushed the Catamounts in a 19-8 victory on Saturday afternoon.

"You guys are better than this," sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller said that her coach told the team during the early timeout. "Stop playing like this and get the ball down the field and into the net."

Ohlmiller's six goals were a career-high for the 2015 America East Rookie of the Year, while her nine points tied a career-best. The sophomore seemed to score in every possible way: scoring in transition, on a free position attempt and on a pair of crafty wrap-arounds.

"I think deception plays a big role, especially in my game," she said. "I'm not the fastest player in the world and a lot of attackers, they use their speed, their first step



Sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller (No. 17, above) scored a career-high six goals for the Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team in a 19-8 victory over Vermont on Saturday.

to beat defenders. A lot of it for me is using my stick to deceive people and use my eyes especially. I'm a big eyes person."

Ohlmiller was not alone in the offensive effort. Junior attacker Courtney Murphy and junior midfielder Dorrien Van Dyke had five and four goals, respectively. For Murphy, the five-goal outburst was her sixth such performance in her last eight games. Van Dyke has a 11-game goal streak, the longest active streak on the team.

Stony Brook led Vermont 21-7 in draw controls, including 10

faceoff wins in a row during the game-deciding run. The draw control success provided extra possessions for the Seawolves, helping them put the game out of reach.

Freshman midfielder Keri McCarthy took most of the draws for the Seawolves in the game, while junior midfielder Kristin Yevoli led the team with seven draw controls.

"If you win the draw, you rule the world," Spallina said. "We feel like the way we play, if we can were able to win the draws, we'd be in a good spot."

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Yevoli, who described herself as "almost 100 percent" after an ankle injury sidelined her for two games early in the season, struck twine on two goals, making her one of six Seawolves to score.

Stony Brook's starter in cage, freshman goalkeeper Anna Tesoriero, struggled early in the contest after making a career-best 13 saves in the team's game against Stanford on March 26. Tesoriero failed to stop any of the five shots she faced on Saturday, and junior Kaitlyn Leahy replaced her midway through the first half.

After changing the goalkeeper, the Seawolves' surge was underway. After trailing 6-3, Ohlmiller put a spin move on her opponent and snuck a shot past the legs of Vermont freshman goalkeeper Maddy Kuras.

With 3:49 remaining in the first half, Yevoli scored on a running shot from the left side of the offense to tie the game, 6-6. Later, Stony Brook used a quick passing sequence to turn a ground ball from senior defender Maegan Meritz to an Ohlmiller goal in just 12 seconds, taking an 8-6 lead with 0.8 seconds remaining in the first half.

Stony Brook scored the first 10 goals of the second half, running its lead to 18-6 with 9:59 remaining in the game, as it ran Vermont into submission. The Seawolves led the Catamounts 10-2 in ground balls in the game, which, combined with the team's success in draw controls, prevented Vermont from much-needed possession.

Stony Brook, now 7-3 on the season, will be back in action on Wednesday night when it hosts the UMBC Retrievers at 7 p.m.. The game will be a rematch of last season's America East semifinal game, won by Stony Brook, 16-5.

"I think we slept a little on Vermont," Ohlmiller said. "We came into conference thinking maybe that we could roll over, let them do what they do and still win. That's obviously not the case. I think we can learn from today that we have to come out on our game at all times."

Freshman McKyla Brooks succeeding as Stony Brook's only two-sport athlete

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman McKyla Brooks has never had a great relationship with gravity.

This was made clear in the middle blocker's rookie season with the Stony Brook Volleyball team. Brooks was named to the America East All-Rookie Team after leading all America East freshmen with a .268 hitting percentage.

However, Seawolves fans will not have to wait until volleyball returns to Pritchard Gymnasium in the fall to catch Brooks's leaping prowess in action. Brooks competed in Stony Brook Track & Field's Quad Meet on March 24, making her the only multi-sport student-athlete competing for Stony Brook.

"On the court and track, her athleticism is apparent," Vol-

leyball head coach Coley Pawlikowski said.

Brooks placed fourth out of six competitors in the Women's Long Jump event during the Track & Field team's outdoor season opener, calling it a "very rusty start" and admitting she was nervous before her first collegiate meet. Brooks recorded a 4.92-meter leap.

"McKyla's been away from doing these types of jumps for about seven months, so part of the process right now is working to get her rhythm back," assistant Track & Field coach Howard Powell said. "We're excited to have McKyla on our team this season."

But Brooks's ambition to compete in both track and volleyball began back at Frontier Central High School.

The Blasdell, New York native racked up accomplishments in both, ranking No. 2 nationally

in the triple jump by MileSplit.com in her sophomore year and finishing All-State for volleyball in her final two seasons. She participated in the two sports all four years of high school, lettering in both.

"Honestly I always wanted to try out for sports, so those were the two main sports I wanted to try out for — volleyball and track," Brooks said. "I used to do basketball, but then I ended up quitting to do track, and then I realized that I had potential in both, so I just kept going."

Brooks received more scholarship offers for track & field, but Stony Brook was the only school that offered her the ability to continue doing both.

Pawlikowski approached Track & Field head coach Andy Ronan and Powell while she was recruiting Brooks and expressed her desire to do both sports. They worked out her schedule over several conversations, eventually feeling confident enough to allow her to compete in both.

Brooks wanted to carry over her two-sport agenda to college because she fell short of a couple of high school goals — recording a 41-foot jump in the triple jump and a 20-foot bound in the long jump. Working toward those benchmarks with practices and lifts while juggling schoolwork can be tricky, though.

"Oh my god," Brooks said when asked about her schedule. "Very busy. It's literally track, volleyball, school, bed. That's all I do, every single day. I like it, I like

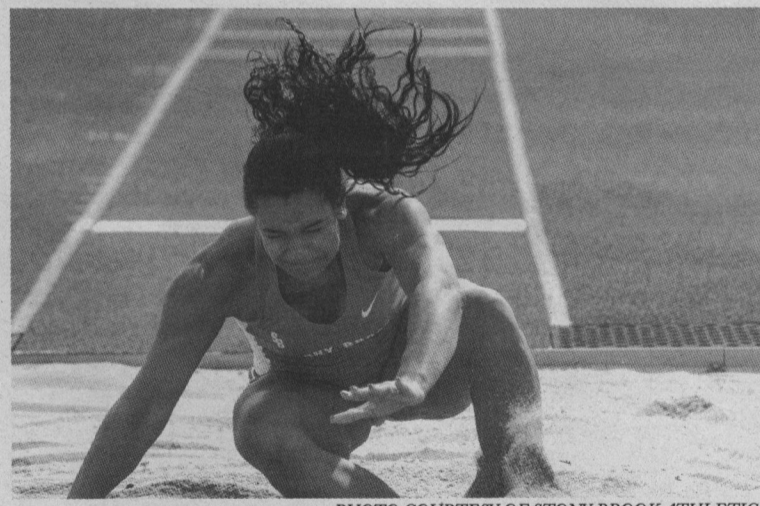


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Brooks (above) competed in her first collegiate Track and Field event, the Stony Brook Quad Meet on March 24.

staying busy."

Brooks says she does not have a preference between the two sports, but there are differences in how she prepares for each, despite how much they overlap. She will compete in jump events for Stony Brook Track & Field and spends most of her time playing volleyball above the net.

"Actually, it's really different," Brooks said. "They're two different jumps. For track I'm jumping broad jumps, basically. And then volleyball I'm jumping up... There's different training for both jumps. It's kind of hard, but I'm used to it already because I've been doing it forever."

Pawlikowski says Brooks's devotion to both track and volleyball is "beneficial" and "adds a cross-training component." Yet multi-sport athletes have dwindled in recent years at both the college

and high school levels.

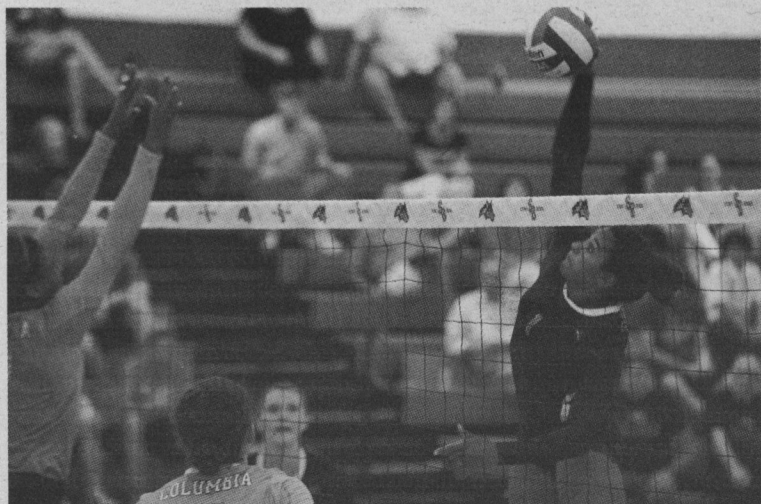
"Very anecdotally, the trend is toward specialization," John Gillis, assistant director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, said in the St. Louis Beacon in 2008.

So why are there not more multi-sport college athletes?

"Because it was too much for them," Brooks said. "It is a lot, it's a lot, I'm not going to lie, but I'm just trying to stay positive. I don't want to drop one sport, I can't."

Brooks is the exception and plans on keeping it that way for the long haul. Her next track-meet is on Friday, April 15 at The Metropolitan Championships, beginning at 2 p.m..

"I had a couple goals to set in high school, which I didn't achieve," Brooks said. "I can't just stop here now, I have to keep going, I have to set those goals."



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Freshman McKyla Brooks (No. 1, above) finished third on the Stony Brook Volleyball team with 2.5 kills per set.

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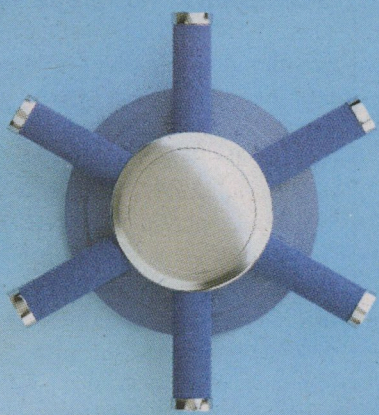
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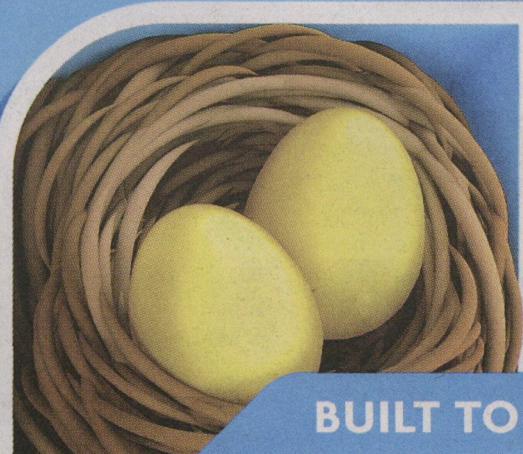
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Baseball sweeps doubleheader against Maine



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Sophomore third baseman Bobby Honeyman (No. 24, above) scored the game-winning run in Saturday's win.

By Tim Oakes
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook Baseball's sophomore third baseman Bobby Honeyman was at third base with one out in the final inning of the finale of this team's first America East Conference series at Joe Nathan Field on Saturday, the second contest of the day.

"I read high chopper off the bat and figured he'd have to make the perfect play to get me out," Honeyman said.

Junior shortstop Jeremy Giles nicked the ball to the left of Maine's pitcher to allow Honeyman to sprint home, earning a 2-1 Stony Brook victory and series sweep over Maine. The Seawolves improved their record to 3-1 early on in conference play.

"That's Bobby's read," Stony Brook head coach Matt Senk said of his player's risky run to home plate. "That was all him."

In addition to Honeyman's baserunning that allowed him to score the winning run, he had the game's only run batted in up to that point in the

game by grounding out to the pitcher in the second inning, scoring junior right fielder Casey Basker. Maine held Stony Brook's lineup in check for most of the matchup.

The Seawolves' pitching made Honeyman's baserunning to capture the victory possible, allowing just one run combined in both games of the doubleheader. Senior starting pitcher Tyler Honahan allowed just one run on two hits in 4.1 innings.

Senior pitcher Tim Knesnik relieved Honahan in the fifth inning with two runners on base and one out, but forced two quick outs to halt what ended up being the Black Bears' closest attempt at gaining leverage on the Seawolves with a second run.

The Seawolves dominated on the mound in both games during the shortened series, but it was senior starting pitcher Chad Lee who set the tone for the Seawolves in the first game of the doubleheader. Lee held the Black Bears scoreless in six innings, only allowing four hits while striking out seven to collect his third

win of the season.

Lee primarily served as a relief pitcher throughout his first three years with Stony Brook until Senk decided to give him shot in the rotation. Lee also allowed no earned runs in 5.2 innings against Creighton last weekend in his first start of the season.

"He's gone out, since we made that decision, and continued to pitch great," Senk said. "You can make a very strong argument that he has been our best pitcher all year."

After Lee allowed two quick hits to begin the seventh inning, sophomore pitcher Teddy Rodliff came on in relief with runners on second and third with no outs. Rodliff proved that Senk made the right decision by striking out the first two batters he faced, then forcing a groundout to strand the runners on base, ending the inning.

In the first five innings, Maine freshman starting pitcher Justin Courtney matched Lee by allowing no runs up until that point.

However, junior catcher David Real launched a one out triple against Courtney to start a Seawolves rally during which the team scored three runs. Real finished a home run shy of a cycle in the game. A cycle is when a hitter has at least one single, double, triple and home run in a single game. Senk rewarded Real by moving him up to fourth in the batting order for the second game.

Stony Brook closed the game out easily from there, piling on eight more runs before the end of the game, sealing the 11-1 victory that kicked off the doubleheader.

The final game of the weekend series against Maine was cancelled due to impending snow, providing Stony Brook with time to prepare for its home matchup against Iona on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m..

Corpolongo, Schultz score four goals each as Stony Brook defeats Vermont



ARACELY JIMENEZ/THE STATESMAN

Senior attackman Matt Schultz (No. 40, above) scored four goals as the Seawolves won, 13-10, against the Catamounts.

By Skyler Gilbert
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 12 Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse team had a 9-5 lead against Vermont midway through the third quarter, but the Catamounts scored three consecutive goals to cut the lead to 9-8, seemingly poised for a comeback.

But head coach Jim Nagle's team was able to avert the crisis. Sophomore goalkeeper Brandon Maciejewski made a critical stick stop to preserve the lead and the Seawolves scored four straight goals to pull away, eventually beating the Catamounts 13-10 on Sunday afternoon at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

After Maciejewski's save, junior attackman Ryan Bitzer scored at the other end of the field on an outside shot from the left. Sixteen seconds later, senior attackman Matt Schultz buried a goal on a feed from junior midfielder Jeff Reh to make the score 11-8. The Seawolves carried the momentum into two more goals, as their lead went from one to five in a span of less than three minutes.

"I feel like Bitzer's goal was the real momentum-shifter," Schultz said. "That was right after the save and it was huge. That's what gets things rolling, and we were able to push that momentum right through to the end of the game."

Junior midfielder Alex Corpolongo and Schultz each scored four goals, as Corpolongo extended his team-leading total to 27 this season. The midfielder already has a career high in goals and points, just past the halfway point in the season.

"It's kind of a role I've fallen into in our offense," Corpolongo said of his increased scoring. "I think everyone has been moving the ball, playing unselfishly. A lot of times it has just ended up in my stick at the end of the possession and I've taken shots when they're there."

Vermont was led by midfielder Ian MacKay, who scored three goals and contributed three assists for the Catamounts. MacKay, an all-conference first team honoree last season, registered five points in the second half alone.

Stony Brook entered halftime with a 5-4 lead after a back-and-forth opening 30 minutes, but the Seawolves played very well in the third quarter to open up a 9-5 lead. Nagle's team led Vermont 9-3 in shot attempts and 10-4 in ground balls in the frame.

"I think we went into the locker room kind of annoyed that we didn't play our best in the first half," Schultz said. "Those first couple minutes in the third quarter you want to set a tone. Ground balls are a huge part of lacrosse. Obviously if you have more possession you're going to have more chances to score."

The five goals scored by the Seawolves in the first half marked a slow start for a team that had scored 10 and 11 goals in the first halves of its previous two games. When Stony Brook did score, it seemed as if Vermont always had an immediate answer.

In the first quarter, senior midfielder Chris Hughes received a pass from senior midfielder Challen Rogers, lining up an outside shot that beat the goalkeeper past his legs. Vermont answered just 17 seconds later, when sophomore attackman Cam Stafford beat senior goalkeeper Zach Oliveri in transition to put the Catamounts up, 3-2. Minutes later, Bitzer dished a cross-net pass to Schultz, who buried the tying goal, as the two teams exited the opening quarter at three tallies apiece.

Corpolongo ran in along the right side and launched a high-bouncing shot that gave the Seawolves a 4-3 lead early in the second quarter. But MacKay tied the game at four with a hard, high shot from the outside center.

Oliveri played the first half in the cage for Stony Brook, while Maciejewski played the second half, something the Seawolves have done in net all 10 games this season. Oliveri stopped four of eight shots on goal, while Maciejewski saved five out of 11.

The contest was decidedly even in turnovers, with Vermont committing 17 to Stony Brook's 16. The two teams combined for eight failed clear attempts, as windy field conditions played a factor throughout the game.

"On windy days it's harder to clear the ball," Nagle said. "We could have done a better job there but it's not untypical on a windy day to have issues clearing the ball."

In draw controls, the game was close as well, as Vermont won 14 draws and Stony Brook won 13. Junior faceoff specialist Jay Lindsay won 12 of his 25 faceoff attempts.

The Seawolves will go on the road for their next game to face the Princeton Tigers in a non-conference matchup on Saturday at 3 p.m..

Softball splits pair of games against Maine

By Jessica Chin
Contributing Writer

Sophomore third baseman Chelsea Evans slammed the ball to deep center left field for a three-run home run in the first game of a doubleheader against Maine Saturday afternoon. The home run gave the Stony Brook Softball team an early lead in the bottom of the first inning, which the team kept for the rest of the game, eventually defeating Maine 4-0.

Stony Brook head coach Megan Bryant's team lost the second game 6-2, splitting its doubleheader with Maine. While the Seawolves defense sealed the first win, it could not do the same in the second matchup as the offense struggled to string together hits.

"I liked our effort in game one, we came out and swung the bats well," Bryant said. "Game two, we gave too many free bases and didn't do well offensively."

Senior pitcher Jane Sallen held Maine scoreless over six innings, but had to work herself out of three bases loaded situations in game one. The Seawolves' stellar defense was there to back Sallen's pitching up.

In the top of the sixth inning with the bases loaded and one out, Maine sophomore first base-

man Kristen Niland blazed a liner to the right of Seawolves junior shortstop Lexie Shue, who snatched it for the second out. Shue then swiftly took care of a ground ball hit by Maine junior Maddie Moore for the third out.

The defense was also there for Stony Brook in the second contest. In the top of the third inning after Maine broke a 2-2 tie with a single, Shue tossed the ball to senior second baseman Patty Bourges, who then threw a cannon to first base to complete the inning-ending double play.

Despite strong performances throughout the day from Evans, Bourges, senior catcher Allie Pisciotta, and senior left fielder Diane Caruso, Maine junior pitcher Erin Bogdanovich shut out the Seawolves offense after the third inning in game two.

Evans had four runs batted in overall with her homer in the opener of the doubleheader and single in the series finale. Pisciotta had two runs batted in overall, produced by a single in the first game and a triple in game two, respectively. Caruso and Bourges had two hits each over the course of the two games. The two runs in game two by Pisciotta and Evans were the only runs they were able to gain.

Bogdanovich struckout five Sea-

wolves and held them to five hits.

"Overall, we were frustrated," Evans said. "We know that we can do better."

Bryant pointed out what her team struggled with in the darkness-shortened finale.

"We just needed to make adjustments in the second game, which we didn't do a very good job of," Bryant said. "We need to do that earlier. We did a good job answering after they scored the first run but we just needed more consistent scoring to get the momentum going for the rest of the game."

The Seawolves pitcher for Game 2, sophomore Maddy Neales, was named the America East Pitcher of the Week last week but could not stop the Black Bears from scoring. Neales allowed nine hits and four runs.

"Maddy's having a good year for us, it wasn't her best game here," Bryant said. "I thought Maine was a lot more aggressive swinging the bat in Game 2 so give them credit."

Due to impending snow, the last game of the conference series that was supposed to be held on Sunday morning was cancelled. The next game for the Seawolves will be on Tuesday, Apr. 5 at 2 p.m., when Bryant's squad will face Fairleigh Dickinson at home.