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Members of the Stony Brook University Hospital clinical team stand with Katie and Mike Picarella, their 5-year-old daughter Gianna and their 3-day-old son Luca on Aug. 20. Luca was the 100,000th baby to be born at the hospital.

University Hospital celebrates delivery of 100,000th baby

By Sandhiya Kannan
Staff Writer

Luca Michael Picarella, born at 8:09 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 to Katie and Mike Picarella of Rocky Point, New York, became the 100,000th child to be delivered at Stony Brook University Hospital. Stony Brook Medicine took to Facebook and Twitter with announcements of the "#COUNTDOWN" beginning July 15, when there were fewer than 400 deliveries left.

Luca's birth was finally announced with an exciting Facebook post early Tuesday morn-

ing: "100,000TH DELIVERY COUNTDOWN UPDATE: WE DID IT!!!"

"Everybody created expectation, everybody knew it was going to happen but didn't know when, and it created a lot of excitement internally here," said Dr. L. Reuven Pasternak, CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital, in an interview. "It's an honor for us to celebrate 100,000 children born here — that's the size of a city."

Stony Brook Medicine, along with numerous other groups and organizations from the community, put together a gift basket in

honor of the 100,000th delivery, including a \$10,000 scholarship from Island Federal Credit Union, a \$2,500 scholarship toward tuition at the North Shore Montessori School and a \$500 shopping spree compliments of the Stony Brook University Hospital Auxiliary.

The hospital held a discharge celebration event for the Picarellas on Thursday morning where they received the gifts along with a card signed by Stony Brook University staff, faculty and students who either were born at or gave birth at the hospital.

Dr. Todd Griffin, chair of the

Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Medicine and Dr. Julie Welischar, the attending OB/GYN who delivered Luca, both spoke at the celebration, congratulating the family.

Following a photo session with them and the other doctors and nurses who were a part of the delivery, the family had a grand red-carpet exit as they prepared to go home.

The first delivery at Stony Brook was in May 1980 at the high-risk obstetrics unit shortly

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SBU Global Health Institute names founding director

By Nujbat Meraji
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University Global Health Institute has appointed Dr. Peter M. Small as its founding director, beginning this month.

Before joining the university, Small was the deputy director of the tuberculosis delivery program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The institute, which was established in 2013, is a research center that works toward creating innovative programs for global health.

It would not just focus strictly on health, but also take into consideration the determinants of health, which in-

cludes the economy, ecology and poverty.

The institute will be working closely with the Centre ValBio, Stony Brook's Madagascar-based research center that works to promote and conserve biologically diverse ecosystems.

Patricia Wright is the founder and executive director of the Centre ValBio and a distinguished service professor at the university.

Small's vision for the institute is exactly what Wright wanted as he thinks of policy, economy and biology all at the same time, Wright said.

"I think Dr. Small was an excellent choice," she said. "He has a broad perspective that will allow a new kind of science to occur."

Small started off his work at the institute with a visit to Centre ValBio in Madagascar this past summer, where he has already had meetings with the mayor of Ranomafana, medical student health teams and the dean of the University of Fianarantsoa Medical School.

Small and Wright were also joined by James and Robin Herrstein, whose nongovernmental organization PIVOT will play a crucial role in the institute's work.

Both Wright and Small describe the relationships among the three different institutes as a "three-legged stool." While PIVOT will be providing health care services, the institute will be working on health care research

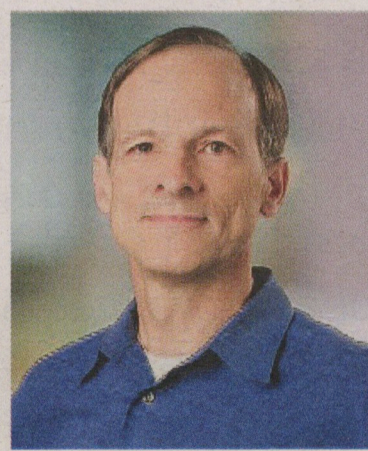


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Dr. Peter Small leads the Global Health Institute.

and Centre ValBio will focus on the health of the environment,

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Long Island leaders oppose proposed Pell Grant freeze

By Mahreen Khan
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The Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education and Suffolk County leaders joined forces with university presidents, students and officials in releasing a report to tackle a proposed Pell Grant freeze for the 2015-2016 award year.

The non-binding budget resolution set forth by the U.S. House of Representatives suggests a 10-year freeze on the maximum grant award at \$5,775 as well as a \$90 billion cut from the federal Pell Grant program, according to the 10-page report released in July, "One in One Hundred: Examining the Impact of a 10-Year Freeze on Pell Grants on Long Island."

While the proposal is not specific to Long Island students, it would significantly affect Long Island students.

"As of the 2013-2014 award year, one of every 100 Pell Grant recipients in the nation attended college on Long Island," Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, D-Amityville, said.

Thirty percent of Stony Brook University's undergraduate population is directly impacted, Matthew Whelan, vice president for strategic initiatives at Stony Brook University, said in a press release.

"The proposed cuts to Pell Grants — the cornerstone of federal higher education financial aid — will have a devastating impact on Stony Brook University students," University President Dr. Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. said in a April 29 statement from LIRACHE. "In fact, Pell Grants might just be the most significant resource that exists right now for helping students from low- and moderate-income backgrounds gain access to higher education."

County Legislator Sarah Anker, D-Mt. Sinai, who is chairwoman of the Education and Information Technology Committee, said the report's main goal is to express the freeze's impact on the local and global economies.

She mentioned that both would be difficult to sustain if Congress chooses to strip students of a chance at a decent education.

"I'm not sure why they're cutting. I'm assuming they think

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Say Hello to **handshake**

Career Center Replaces ZebraNet With New Platform

A handshake is used to make introductions and seal business deals — now it's an innovative, cutting-edge career services recruiting platform launching at Stony Brook. Handshake, which replaces ZebraNet as the central job and internship database for Stony Brook students and alumni, offers:

- » A mobile app that enables students and employers to use the system on the go
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- » The ability to sync your Google calendar with upcoming Career Center activities, such as workshops, information sessions and interviews
- » A way for employers to better manage recruitment efforts, which means more jobs and internships for Stony Brook students and alumni

Users will be able to connect to Handshake the same way they've accessed ZebraNet — through the link on the Career Center's home page, stonybrook.edu/career

For more information about Handshake, call (631) 632-6810 or email sbucareercenter@stonybrook.edu



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NEWS

Police Blotter: What you missed over the summer

On June 18, an arrest was made for possession of marijuana on Nicolls Road.

On June 19, an employee's bag was found with marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the Health Sciences Tower. An arrest was made.

On June 20, a driver under the influence of alcohol was arrested on Health Sciences Drive.

On June 23, a patient at the University Hospital allegedly broke hospital property. The patient was arrested.

On June 23, a domestic dispute involving a man allegedly spraying another man in the face with pepper spray oc-

curred at the University Hospital. The former was arrested.

On June 24, keys were reported stolen in the Health Sciences Tower. Police issued a referral.

On June 28, a driver under the influence of alcohol was arrested on Nicolls Road, north of the Main Entrance.

On June 30, a warrant arrest was made in the University Hospital.

On July 2, three men were found with 7 grams of concentrated cannabis and a large amount of marijuana on Nicolls Road, south of South Drive. All three were arrested.

On July 4, a driver under the influence of alcohol was arrested on Nicolls Road, south of South Drive.

On July 5, a pipe with marijuana was confiscated on Hastings Road off of Nicolls Road. Police issued a warning.

On July 9, marijuana was confiscated from a car near Nicolls Road, north of the fire house. Two summonses were issued.

On July 16, a driver under the influence of drugs was arrested on Nicolls Road, south of South Entrance.

On July 17, a driver under the influence of alcohol while driving

with suspended insurance was arrested on Route 25A, west of Nicolls Road.

On July 19, the driver of a vehicle refused to stop and ran through the South Gate, then fled from police. The driver was arrested.

On July 23, a woman was found wandering around the University Hospital with illegal substances. The woman was arrested.

On July 30, a suicidal man was found near Route 25A in possession of numerous Xanax pills that did not belong to him. The man was arrested.

On Aug. 7, a driver under the influence of alcohol was arrested on Circle Road and the North Entrance.

On Aug. 8, a driver was under the influence of alcohol was arrested on Nicolls Road, north of South Drive.

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Countdown to 100,000th birth ends in celebration at University Hospital

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after the hospital's founding.

And 99,999 deliveries later, Jeffrey Solomon, born on May 28, 1980 to Debra and Robert Solomon, drove up from his current home state of Florida with his father and stepmother to speak at the celebration and congratulate the hospital on

its growth.

Since Solomon was last here, Stony Brook University Hospital has received the highest New York State designations as a Level 4 Regional Perinatal Center and Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The hospital has also expanded in size to accommodate 630 beds, with a new labor and delivery suite that opened in 2011 that

now has an average of 11 births per day and nearly 4,000 deliveries each year.

"We keep a lot of milestones going, not only the number of deliveries but also at our Cancer Center and the Heart Center," Pasternak said. "We just recently had our 50th TAVR — Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement — procedure, which was exciting. We're counting

down now to cutting the ribbon for the Children's Hospital in early 2017, and we're hoping to see the 200,000th delivery in 25 years."

Luca's older sister Gianna, born at the hospital as well but five years earlier, was also present at the celebration.

Katie said that her husband first found out about the news when he returned after go-

ing to check on Gianna after the delivery.

"When I came back in, and the doctors stopped me in the hallway, I thought something was wrong. My knees were a little shaky," Mike said during the celebration. "She said 'Congratulations, your baby is the 100,000th child,' and I was like 'You're kidding me.' It was a shock and a whirlwind of emotions, but it's been fantastic."

New York state joins 24 states in banning powdered, crystalline alcohol

By Cory Haltman
Contributing Writer

New York state joined 24 other states on Friday, Aug. 14 in banning the sale of a new type of alcohol available in powder form and commonly referred to as "Palcohol."

This legislation amends the already existing alcohol beverage control law to include the terms "powder" and "crystalline" to the definition of "alcoholic beverage" and bans the sale of any types of alcohol in those forms.

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau approved powdered alcohol federally in 2014, but later reversed the decision, which the bureau said had been made "in error."

This has left the choice of whether or not to allow sale of the powder up to the individual states.

Mark Phillips, who is currently the only U.S. distributor attempting to sell powdered alcohol, said in an email that "[the legislation] will create a black market making it easier for kids to get a hold of. And New York will miss out on significant tax revenue from the legal sale

of Palcohol."

"This dangerous product is a public health disaster waiting to happen," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a news release. "I am proud to sign this legislation that will keep powdered alcohol off the shelves and out of the wrong hands."

Common concerns regarding the sale of powdered alcohol include the possibility of it being snorted, used to spike drinks and brought into places where alcohol is prohibited.

There is also worry that being able to easily conceal and transport the powder will cause it to be abused by those under the age of 21.

"This law signed today gives us that rare proactive opportunity to avoid exposing our most vulnerable to one more substance that could have a detrimental impact on their lives," State Sen. Joseph Griffo, a sponsor of the bill, explained in the news release.

When reached for comment, Rocco LaDuca, a spokesman for Griffo, clarified that a violation of this ban would be treated as a misdemeanor under New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control laws, and could be punishable

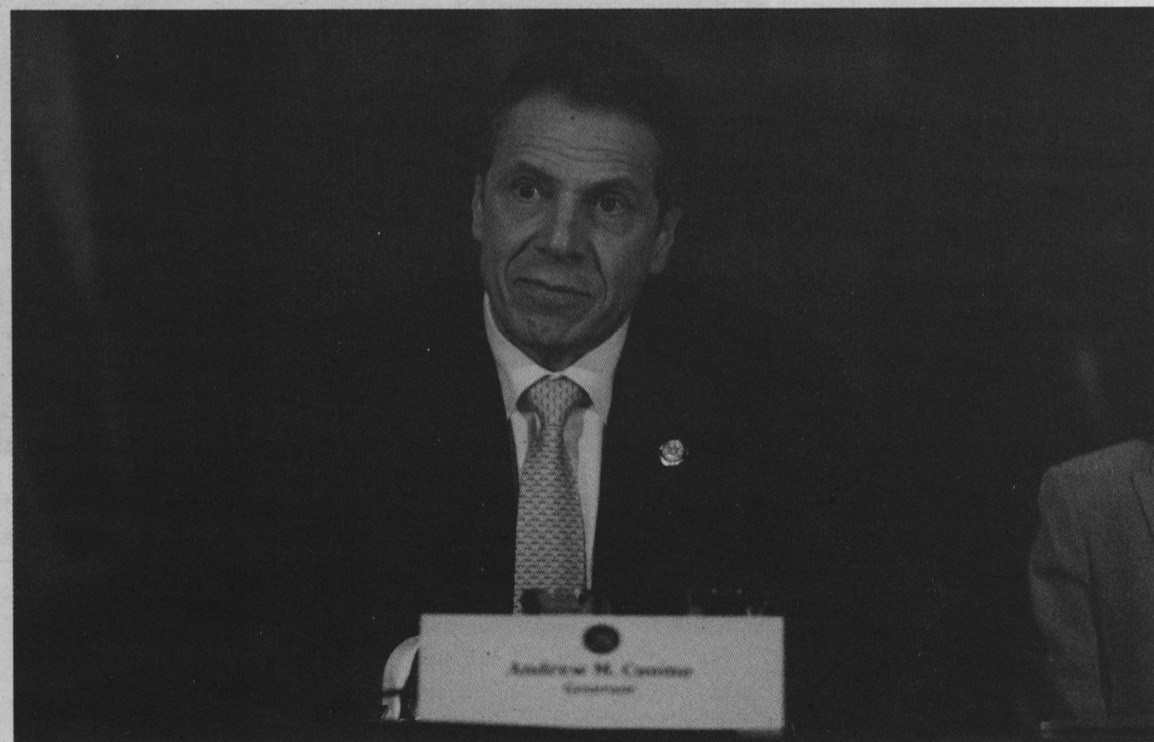


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"I am proud to sign this legislation that will keep powdered alcohol off the shelves and out of the wrong hands," Gov. Andrew Cuomo, above, said in a news release.

by a fine and/or up to a year in county jail.

While the amendment makes it illegal to sell powdered alcohol, it did not address the legality of producing or owning it. The main ingredient, tapioca

maltodextrin, is readily available online and can be easily mixed with alcohol to create the powder.

Similar products are available in countries such as Japan, where powdered alcohol is marketed

and sold by Sato Foods, and in Germany, where it is known as "subyou."

While the product is currently still legal in 25 states and various other countries, transporting it into New York is prohibited.

Long Island leaders publish report on proposal to freeze Pell Grant program

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they're going to save money, but they're not looking at the bigger picture," Anker said. "They're not looking at the vision of helping our country maintain its ability to stay with new technology, higher paying jobs. Every country's investing in education and here we are pulling away from our investment. It's the wrong thing to do."

The report said the cost of higher education rises at a steady 5 percent each year.

The study said that data provided by John Rizzo, chief economist of the Long Island Association, shows "70 percent of people without a college degree will remain in the same or fall into a lower economic station than that of their parents, while 55 percent of people with a college degree will perform better economically than their parents did."

The Pell Grant, which was originally offered by the federal government in 1972 as the "Basic Educational Opportunity Grant," has been awarded to eligible low-income students for the past 43 years. Over the last four decades, the maximum grant amount awarded to students has increased yearly.

Now, with steadily increasing college costs, increases in the demand for education and increases in the need for financial aid, the buying power of the Pell Grant has diminished drastically since the program was first created.

"In the 1979-1980 fiscal year, a maximum Pell Grant covered 99 percent of the cost of attending a two-year public institution and 77 percent of the cost of attending a four-year public institution," the report said. "In 2013-2014, the maximum Pell Grant covered only 52 percent of the cost of a two-year public institution and 31 percent of the cost of a four-year public institution."

The House Budget Committee, chaired by Rep. Tom Price (R-Georgia), wrote the proposal to freeze the Pell Grant program.

"The House of Representatives chose not to make students a priority in the budget process," Gregory said. "If the Pell program were to sustain these cuts, college would become even further out of reach for the millions of low-income students who benefit from this program."

Anker, who mentioned the concept of the "American Dream" in a July 8 press release, said America is a



STATESMAN STOCK PHOTO

The proposal to cut Pell Grants "will have a devastating impact on Stony Brook University students," President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said in an April 29 statement.

place where people come to accomplish their aspirations with the support they need. Calling this country the "land of opportunity," she spoke of education as that which allows people to help, support and protect one another.

"The government supports the

pursuit of happiness, and in that pursuit we must continue to support each other," she said. "Education provides an opportunity to find happiness and to obtain your dream. I think it's our job to provide those resources for our residents."

Anker said she hopes the report will provide a bigger picture of what is needed regarding education in our country, while Gregory said a copy of the report will be sent to Long Island's congressional delegation as soon as Congress reconvenes.

Global Health Institute, Centre ValBio set their sights on Madagascar

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biodiversity and wildlife.

The first project the institute, Centre ValBio and PIVOT are working on together is called "OneHealth."

Through this project, they plan to improve the human health by integrating what is going on in villages, forests and other areas with the natural history of animals.

Wright explained that while finding cures for diseases is important, it is also important to take a holistic approach and find preventive methods for the diseases.

Small said Stony Brook University and Centre ValBio provide the right atmosphere for research on global health by going beyond the traditional confinements of health to look more broadly at the other determinants of health.

"The big question that I'm facing," Small said, "is what is the role of an American institution in improving the lives of the poor people in a country like Madagascar."

Wright said the three major illnesses found in the Madagascar villages are malaria, diarrheal diseases and tuberculosis.

Over the last three decades, Small has been greatly involved in the research for tuberculosis, for which he has worked both nationally and internationally.

When asked what piqued his interest in this field, he laughed and said, "I could pretend that I saw a need for good science, but the reality is that I was compelled to work for a very strong mentor and it was the power of mentorship that got me into this field."



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Centre ValBio's newly built five-story research facility, NamanaBe Hall, above, on the edge of Ranomafana National Park. The Stony Brook University Global Health Institute will be working closely with Centre ValBio.

He said having had to devise strategies for problems for over 13 years at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the biggest thing he brings to Stony Brook is the ability to think strategically and bring together multidisciplinary teams to address issues.

He believes that students in universities are the "critical glue" which holds the interdisciplinary activities together.

While Small thinks Stony Brook is the right place for conducting research, he also believes that Madagascar holds the perfect overlap of three forces

— ecological devastation, poverty and diseases — making the main focus region for the OneHealth initiative.

Global health, Small said, is attracting high levels of attention from international funding organizations, such as the World Bank.

Not only that, students are greatly attracted to fieldwork that allows them to improve the lives of the poor and create better living environments.

"I think that for me is one of the center goals of the GHI on the Stony Brook campus," Small

said, "to help students figure out how to translate their passion for global health into professions in global health."

In the future, the institute plans to design courses and seminars for students to educate themselves in the field of global health.

Semesters at Centre ValBio in Madagascar may also be available for students to understand and work with diseases that are rarely even heard of in this side of the world.

"I suspect that they are going to develop a program eventu-

ally for medical students to focus more on infectious diseases," Wright said.

Small said that he is mostly looking forward to interacting with students to learn more about what interests them in the field of global health, particularly so that the institute can help the students achieve their goals while also learning from the students.

"Students provide a critical energy," he said. "Many times they have a better idea of what they want to do than the faculty themselves."

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Vipin Gupta (front) helps his son, Sid Mangalik (rear), move back into Mendelsohn Quad for the Fall 2015 semester. #stonybrook #moveinday



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Zuccaire Gallery to host faculty exhibition after summer show

By Krysten Massa
Multimedia Editor

This summer was the first time that the Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery hosted a summer exhibition. The Vintage Film Posters exhibit was a huge success according to Karen Levitov, the director and curator of the gallery.

"We were really thrilled, we had over a thousand visitors," Levitov said. "We got a great response. People were really excited to see the film posters, especially in conjunction with the film festival."

The exhibit complemented the Stony Brook Film Festival well, as many of the posters in the exhibit were from the same countries as the international filmmakers at the festival. Those who came to watch the films would stop in the gallery before or after the showings.

The posters in the exhibit were all donated from the Chisholm Larsson Gallery in Manhattan, which specializes in vintage film

posters. Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center and the Stony Brook Film Festival, accompanied Levitov in visiting the gallery and picking out which posters to show in the exhibition.

"We were looking at ones that had kind of a combination of some really iconic films and some well-known actors, as well as some more rare films and unknown actors and unknown movies, but that had a beautiful visual impact," Levitov said.

Ralph Macchio, a Long Island native and actor, is a frequent attendee of the film festival. He stopped in the gallery during its opening night and took photos with the Italian film poster for "The Outsiders," a film in which Macchio starred.

Levitov said that she will definitely hold another summer exhibition for the summer of 2016. She said it will be held at the same time as the film festival because the conjunction is very successful, but next year's theme may not relate to film. For now, she will focus on the exhibitions for this



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Alan Inkles, left, Ralph Macchio, right, and Karen Levitov talking in front of the Italian "The Outsiders" movie poster during the opening reception of the summer exhibition.

coming year and enjoy the success of the film posters exhibition.

"Everyone had a different response and it really appealed to visitors of all ages and backgrounds," Levitov said. "This was a great summer show because the film festival brings in a lot of people from the community as well as the university."

Next up for the gallery is a faculty exhibition. This show will feature art in various media forms, all produced by the Stony Brook University staff. Most of the work comes from the art de-

partment, but there will be some contributions from members of other departments on campus.

"We have a really diverse group of twenty artists whose work includes photography, video, new media, paintings, sculpture, print making, drawing," Levitov said. "It's going to be a fabulous show because there are really a lot of different types of artwork."

Levitov said that some of the faculty are making whole installations that include sculptural elements as well as video projections. Within the mix will be an in-

teractive video piece and even a sound piece.

According to Levitov, this is the first faculty exhibition the gallery has held in five years.

There will be a good mix of faculty who have been at the school for a number of years as well as some newer faces, she added.

"It's really a great opportunity for everyone on campus to see what talented faculty we have," she said.

The show opens on Sept. 15 and an opening reception will be open to the public Oct. 7.

Catching up with Nice Shot, Kid after their rocking summer: What's next for the band?

By Rena Thomas
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It was a summer of sunshine and set-lists for one of Stony Brook's local bands, Nice Shot, Kid. The five-piece band had the opportunity to rock the stage during Van's Warped Tour at Jones Beach Nikon Theater in Wantagh this past July.

"I don't think any of us expected to play," vocalist John Gallagher said. "We just pushed our campaign, but we were thrilled to be picked."

Before performing, the band ran around the Jones Beach parking lot, frantically handing out stickers and flyers to promote the set.

The band then rushed to the Warped Tour stage and kicked off the day with an 11:30 a.m. performance.

The band's set consisted of past hit songs "My Best Interest," "Kick His Ass," "Seabass" and "Monster Jamz" as well as their newly released songs "Shelf Life," and "Cornered," featured on the band's new album "Personal Space."

"It was surreal," vocalist and bassist Thomas Fasano said. "We went on and there was a packed crowd in front of us. We were ecstatic."

According to Gallagher, the five of them chose these songs because they are just the most fun to play. If you have ever seen these guys

perform, their excitement for their music can radiate across any venue.

"It was truly remarkable how much support we got from all our friends and fellow music-lovers, Fasano said. "It is people like this who push us to keep moving forward in our passion for performing the music we love."

Even after experiencing Warped Tour, the group stands behind its local garage band values and venues. They band performed all around Long Island in places like East Islip Bowling Lanes and O'Briens Pub. They have played in New York City as well and just wrapped up a performance this past Saturday at the Nanuet Arcade in New Jersey.

Nice Shot, Kid is a garage band that gives back. At the end of July, the band performed a backyard benefit show for the Lustgarten Foundation supporting Pancreatic cancer research at "Susiepalooza" in Deer Park.

The group successfully raised around \$3,000 through ticket sales and merchandise, with all proceeds benefitting the charity.

With autumn just around the corner, the band expects to release a lot of new music. The band's new digital album, "Personal Space," was recently released on Spotify this August. The album is a follow-up to their last two albums, "Set-

backs," released last March and "What Makes You A Monster," released in May 2013.

Stony Brook students may recognize Nice, Shot Kid's pop-punk sound from last fall's Lupe Fiasco concert, where the band was the opening act, or from the Streetlight Manifesto concert.

According to Gallagher, the boys will be performing more shows come October. For now, they are

taking some time to concentrate on new music and cutting back on performance dates.

"We're working on writing a bit," Gallagher said. "So I don't know how much we'll be playing other than that."

Their next show will take place Deer Park, hosted by Babetalk.com and Terminally Trill, on Oct. 10.

On Oct. 10 earlier in the day, the group will perform a benefit

festival in the South P Parking lot at Stony Brook University hosted by WSUB for bikes and the children's cancer ward at the Stony Brook Hospital.

"All in all, were just 5 dudes doing what we love and being lucky enough to have our friends and family for support," Fasano said.

"They are the reason we are able to continue our passion for music," he added.



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Nice Shot, Kid, above, standing by the band's merchandise tent at Vans Warped Tour.

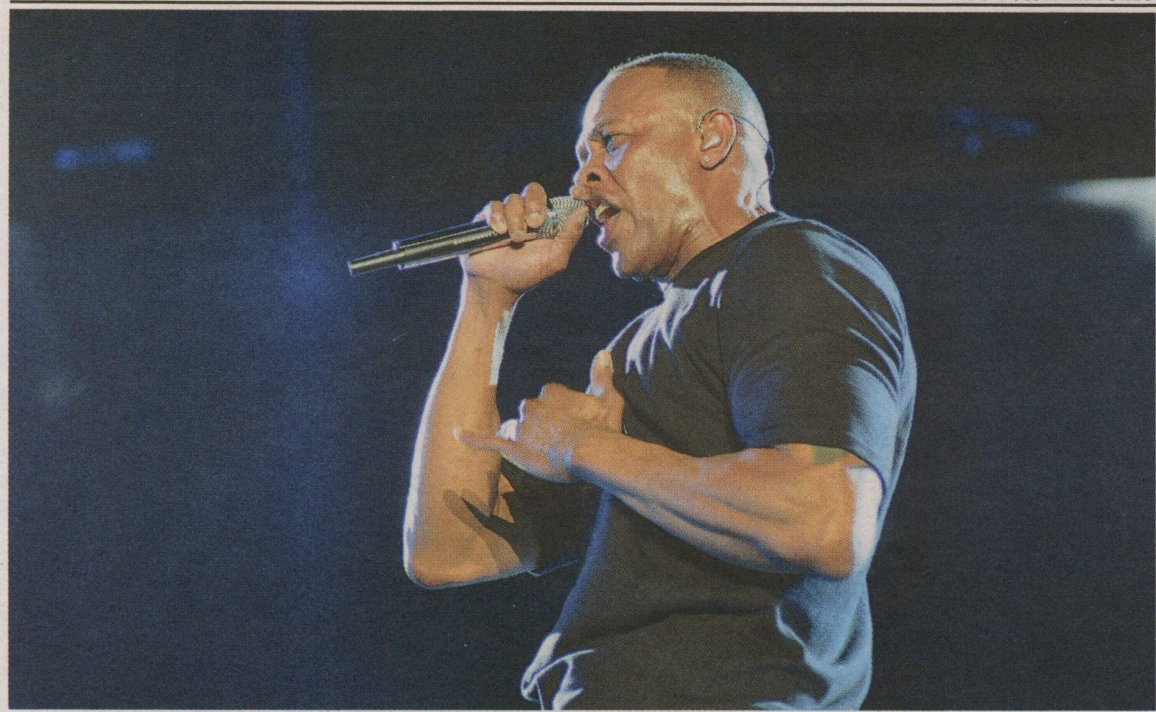


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Dr. Dre, above, is the founder and the CEO of Aftermath Entertainment and Beats Electronics. He has produced albums for artists like Kendrick Lamar and Eminem.

New Dr. Dre album proves why the rapper should not be forgotten

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

Dr. Dre's 31-year rap career is a slow tale of mastery. His past two solo albums have stood the test of time.

Dre's latest effort, "Compton," proves that even after sixteen years of experimenting, he is still hip-hop's premier maker of classics.

The album starts off much like a movie would: with exposition. A rich instrumental piece is accompanied by facts about Compton, a city known for its ability to make lives and take them all in an instant.

After years of seeing the energy of the city drained, Dr. Dre, whose full name is Andre Romelle Young, gives us a glimpse into his plan: to sonically recreate the city he put on the map 27 years ago.

Each song is a different scene in Dr. Dre's musical story. The opening track, "Talk About It," is the story of Compton's youth. Justus's hook, "One day, I'ma have everything," is a common idea among the youth in the bleak streets of the city.

Many succumb to the city's affinity for violence. Dr. Dre's response is a track called "Geno-

cide," featuring veteran songstress Marsha Ambrosius, newbie Candice Pillay and the self-proclaimed future mayor of Compton, Kendrick Lamar.

Each artist brings out the sad beauty of Compton's brutality, with hypnotic hooks, brutal bars and Lamar's golden verse.

"It's All On Me," details Dr. Dre's climb to success, recalling his first meeting with Snoop Dogg and having to borrow Eazy-E's car to get around.

The theme is continued into "All in a Day's Work," where Jimmy Iovine describes the mentality you need in order to succeed.

The album then evolves into describing the problems of becoming famous with the survivalist mentality needed in Compton. Like many of Dr. Dre's previous albums, the songs are filled to the brim with guests.

The new album features not only the likes of Dre's protégés Snoop Dogg and Eminem, but also has figures from his past, such as Ice Cube.

The West Coast's latest and greatest are also represented on the album, with great verses from The Game, Jon Connor and of course, Kendrick Lamar.

Although his verses are co-writ-

ten, Dr. Dre's authentic voice is still strongly present. The sixteen years he spent attempting to craft the now-cancelled "Detox" have led him to strengthen one of the most iconic flows in hip-hop. On "Compton," Dr. Dre raps with prowess of a master. He is as timeless as ever.

Of course, every album has its flaws. Issues such as stagnation in the theme and guests underperforming are as present as ever. Another issue with the album is that it tries to emulate a movie, yet the skits come across as awkward and forced.

But every flaw on the album is forgiven thanks to Dr. Dre's production. The rich instrumentation that most producers tend to stray from is beautifully implemented in most of the songs.

Each beat grabs the essence of each artist, to the point where Ice Cube's harsh flow can easily mesh with Dem Jointz's dancehall-inspired singing.

Dr. Dre is truly rap's King Midas; every verse, every beat, every feature is golden.

According to rumors in the music industry, the album may be his last. If this is the case then Dr. Dre's swan song epitomizes his legend.

Video game favorites come to life in new movie "Pixels"

By David Pepa
Contributing Writer

If you are looking for an action-packed battle of video game characters mixed with some typical Adam Sandler comedy, then "Pixels" is the ideal choice.

Chris Columbus' latest movie is where classic 80s video game characters come to life...literally. Some well-known 80s cyber friends who make an appearance include Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Centipede and Q*bert.

The story focuses on Sam Brenner, played by Sandler, who was a Pac-Man champion in his youth. After his loss at the arcade game world championship, he begins working for a company that installs software.

After the championship, a time capsule filled with these video game characters is launched into outer space. Aliens discovered this capsule and took the message as a threat, influencing them to attack Earth with the use of the iconic characters.

The story begins to heat up when the alien-life forms, based on the designs of Galaga, cause a pixel character attack in Guam. President Will Cooper, played by Kevin James, calls his life-long friends Brenner and Ludlow Lamonsoff (Josh Gad) to come and assist in the upcoming battle with the aliens.

This is the first time that Sandler has done an action movie like this. Not only did he entertained his fans with his funny lines and scenarios, but his battle scenes kept the moviegoers at the edge of their seats.

One comical aspect of the movie was Lamonsoff's love for Lady Lisa from Dojo Quest. It was funny to see this human character actually marry the pixelated Lisa and have five Q*berts for children.

The laughter continued when Q*bert came to life during the movie. Some of Q*bert's shining moments were when he sucked down food and peed during the ultimate battle.

What was most fascinating about the movie was how realistic these pixelated characters looked. It was humorous to see these life-like video game characters attacking Earth.

Battles between the nerds and the alien life-forms had the audience glued to their seats. When the characters faced foes like Pac-Man and Centipede, they used the techniques that would be used to defeat the characters in their video games, making the movie like a real-life arcade game.

"Pixels" is a great movie night choice by far.

For those who are a fan of these classic games or for those who want a good laugh from the cast, "Pixels" fits the bill perfectly.



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Adam Sandler, above, has produced many of the movies he has starred in. Next to come out is Hotel Transylvania 2.

What are freshmen looking forward to this year?

"I'm taking a news literacy course and I've been looking forward to that. And probably pledge a frat."

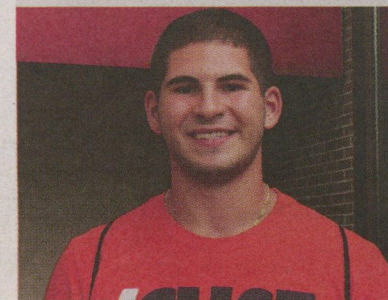
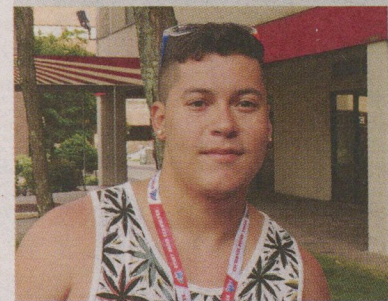
-Kican Coba, freshman biology major and writing minor

"I'm looking forward to making new friends and finding my way around campus."

-Rachel Rosenfeld, freshman psychology major

"Going to all of the sporting events here —football, baseball, basketball— just being part of the crowd, feeling the hype, seeing Wolfie. All of that good stuff."

-Michael Fiorella, freshman physical therapy major





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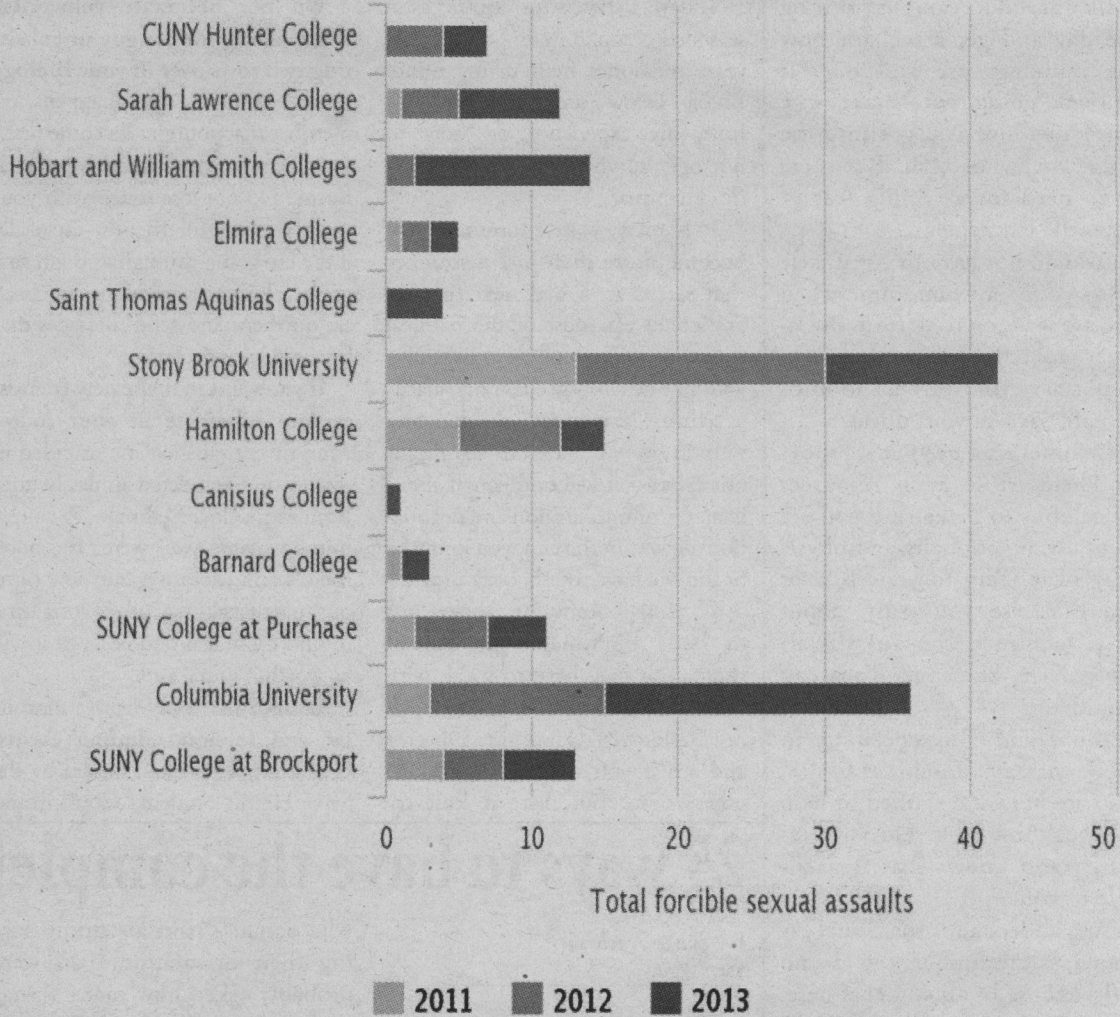
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Navigating the red zone: 8 tips for staying safe on college campuses as a female student



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Of the 13 institutions in New York State under review for Title IX violations, Stony Brook has the highest total of reported sexual assaults, according to the Office of Civil Rights.

Earlier this year, United Educators, a company that provides liability insurance to educational institutions, released a study showing that more than half of alleged sexual assault victims on college campuses are freshmen girls.

If you factor in sophomores, the total is nearly 75 percent. The report also shows that 88 percent of alleged victims of gang assaults are also freshmen.

Many of these assaults take place during what is often referred to as "the red zone," the first few weeks of the semester when you don't have too much school work and can still afford to go to out every weekend after you have paid for your textbooks. This is not to be confused with the "red zone" at Stony Brook, also known as the student fan section at sporting events.

We, the managing editors of *The Statesman*, have had our fair share of positive and negative experiences at Stony Brook. Now that we are all starting our senior year, we want to share some of the things we learned about staying safe while still having fun.

Frat parties? Buddy system: Always always always go to parties with a friend or with a group. 95 percent of frat-party fun is the people you are with. You do not want to be drunk and alone in a house full of strangers. Having friends around you ensures that if you do run into trouble, at least one person will have your back (we hope).

Make sure your phone is

charged and you have Lindy's Taxi in your contacts.

Trust your gut: If at said party — or anywhere in general — you get a weird vibe from someone, there is a reason for it. While part of college is pulling yourself out of your comfort zone, do not put yourself in danger. If someone or a situation makes your stomach turn or your heart drop (not in the cute way), remove yourself as quickly as you can.

Your body, your rules: One of the wonderful things about your body is that it's yours. No one knows it better than you do and no one can take that away from you. So if a kiss lingers too long or a hand wanders farther than you want it to, take control. Know that in the moment, it is completely respectable to make the right choice for yourself. You do not have to prove anything to anyone. You can say no at any time.

Do not feel obligated to entertain unsolicited attention:

HT: I will never forget walking back at 3 a.m. from the train station to Mendy after a concert and two guys very loudly and aggressively trying to get my friend and me to stop "just to talk." At the end of January, in the middle of a freezing night, no one wants to just "be your friend" at that hour. Keep walking.

NO: A lot of unwanted attention can come from people you are friends with. Friends mean well, friends think you are great — but even the greatest of intentions can leave you feel-

ing uncomfortable. If a friend is crossing the line, stop giggling and playing it off. Be direct and say something. A friendship that makes you feel uneasy is not a friendship.

Tell someone: Whether you are going on a Tinder date or for a run at night because you do not want anyone to see you sweat in the light of day, tell your friend, or your roommate or your RA.

When you are new on campus, it is easy to get lost, mentally, emotionally and physically. Let someone who you trust know where you are if you are worried about where you are going. Make sure they have your number and you have theirs.

KZ: As a commuter, I am often walking to my car alone late at night. While I have never had a bad experience doing so, I always text my friends to let them know I got home. It is likely that nothing will happen, but there are always people who would care if something did.

You have nothing to prove:

NO: After three long years, I have come to the conclusion that it is still really fun to stay in and chill with the people I really love rather than go out every weekend to fight for the attention of a guy who will not text me back. Is it exciting the first few times? Of course!

If you want to go out, go out. Have a great time. If you do not want to go out, you do not want

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to drink, you do not want to smoke — great. It does not mean you are no fun. Do not let the your peers pressure you otherwise. Some of the best memories I have are from events where I played the sober friend.

Be aware, not paranoid: Walk around campus during the day and get a feel for how the buildings are laid out. If you are going out, make sure you know how you got into the house or bar or club. But there is no need for a stifling fear of potential harassment.

You do not have to constantly scan your surroundings when you are walking back from the library at 2 a.m., but it might help to not have your earbuds in until you are back in your dorm.

If something happens, report it: There are so many resources on campus to make sure you are mentally, emotionally and physically okay. Talk to your RA, or someone else you trust, about what happened so you will always have someone you can confide in.

You could also check in to speak with a counselor at CAPS, who are here and trained to help you get through it. Do your research and know what is available to you.

We understand that our experiences are unique and do not reflect those of all students here. We are curious as to how the other half of the population navigates the red zone. So, Seawolves, what do you do to stay safe? Let us know in the comment or tweet to us @sbstatesman.

By Hanaa' Tameez, Nivi Obla, and Kelly Zegers

Tips and tricks for getting through your freshman year as a Seawolf

By Taylor Ha
Staff Writer

A few days before I began my freshman year at Stony Brook University, I was a mess. A tearful, 18-year-old mess. I was crying because I was afraid of the unknown.

Today, I type this article as a seasoned sophomore with last year's memories fresh in my mind. Listed below are seventeen tips from my experience on how to not only survive, but thrive during freshman year.

It is okay, your roommate will become more than just a stranger that sleeps in a bed next to you. She could eat most of the oatmeal coconut cookies your mom baked for you, but generously share her snacks in return. She may open the door and walk in on you and your significant other, but you will both laugh about it later. Communication and negotiation are key. In the end, you know he or she will have your back. Unless...

If your roommate turns out to be a nightmare, get out of there. You may have to speak with your Residential Assistant and/or Residential Housing Director and see if you can move into another room. But first, at least try

to work out your issues with your current roommate.

Try to avoid ordering takeout as much as possible. I gained the infamous freshman fifteen by eating one too many pies from Domino's (stay away from those lava cakes too). It is no myth.

Do not obliterate your GPA when falling for the guy or gal sitting two rows over in your Biology class. No matter what happens, remember that your grades come first.

Maintain your friendships back home. Do not lose touch with your most meaningful friends, especially if they are going through a rough first year. Call them weekly just to check up on them and send messages that let them know you care.

If you want to make new friends, do not hibernate in your room. After my parents left me stranded in my dorm, I wandered aimlessly until I found a fellow freshman. A couple minutes later, we were Facebook friends and exploring our new campus together. It may take a long time to find those real buddies, but it will be worth it in the end.

Do not shy away from unfamiliar and foreign-sounding events. One example is Holi, hosted by the SBU Hindu Students Council and

also celebrated worldwide. At this Hindu spring festival of colors and love, white-clothed attendees fling powder in all the colors of the rainbow at friends, family and strangers.

Take lots of pictures and selfies. Images preserve your memories with the clarity that your mind does not always retain. However, try to avoid being that person whose Snapchat story can be adapted into a full-length movie.

Stony Brook may have an un-social reputation for some people, but there are multiple opportunities to have fun, so take them. Dine on Union burritos while watching a shooting star above Staller Steps at 1 a.m.. Participate in Halloween karaoke sing-alongs or frolic in the snow the morning after a snowstorm. Sing along to the music at Brookfest. If you are complaining of having nothing to do, you are not looking hard enough.

Create a daily/weekly regimen and exercise. It is difficult to solidify the boundaries between hunger and pleasure when it comes to college dieting. Find a workout buddy or go solo; just make sure you keep your body healthy and fit. You will need it when you fail tip number 3.

Explore the town, explore Long

Island, explore New York. Visit nearby Port Jefferson and scenic West Meadow Beach. If you are from out of state, the railroad station on campus can also take you right to Manhattan.

Step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Whether it is burning yourself cooking chicken kung pao noodles in the dorm kitchen or playing ultimate frisbee with a group of strangers, college is for experimenting.

Find a secret study spot. Go somewhere with no distractions and plenty of peace and quiet and then maybe you will get some work done.

When picking classes, choose your professors wisely. The right professor can make a huge difference in a difficult class. Ask past pupils for advice and consult websites like ratemyprofessor.com.

Take notes during lectures. A professor's word is gold, and personal notes can add further context to a concept or lesson in your own words. Whether you are more comfortable with scratching graphite onto a piece of paper or typing away on your laptop, find whatever method works best for you.

Check out the rest of Taylor's tips at sbstatesman.com

25 ways to have the complete college experience at SBU

By Kate Valerio
Staff Writer

These activities are not endorsed by The Statesman, but valid experiences, nonetheless.

If you get caught doing anything from this list, Stony Brook University and all its affiliates, The Statesman and the author of this article are not responsible for any consequences that result.

For all incoming freshmen

who actually paid attention during their orientation, you were probably asked how many things the Campus Involvement Project recommends you do before graduation, and someone probably received a Stony Brook t-shirt for correctly saying "25." For those who have not do not know and were one of the many students asleep during orientation, this is in reference to the list of "25 Things to Do Before

You Graduate."

It is a list of activities you should do and experiences you should have before graduation in order to ensure that your time at college was memorable.

Now, I completely agree with everything on that list. Strawberry Fest is one of my favorite events put on by the school and everyone should absolutely do everything else on it.

However, if you want to have

a complete college experience as a Seawolf, those should not be the only activities in which you partake. After all, bubble tea will not make you remember college. But that's where I come in.

I created my own list of things to do at Stony Brook before graduation, based on the wisdom and experience I have acquired over the past three years. Hold over for applause.

Welcome to Stony Brook.

Go to Friday class still drunk

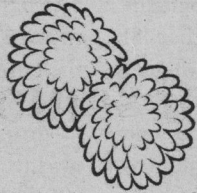


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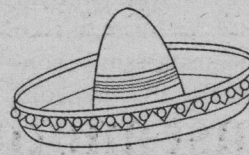
Storm the field at Homecoming



Get kicked out of Brookfest

Throw up at your first frat party

Enjoy Cinco de Drinko



Punch someone else's boat during Roth Regatta

Day drink on Staller Steps

Yell, "I'm a Seawolf" at a curious person

Somehow end up in Roth Pond and worry about catching a pond infection



Roam the Underground Tunnels

Bang in Main Stacks

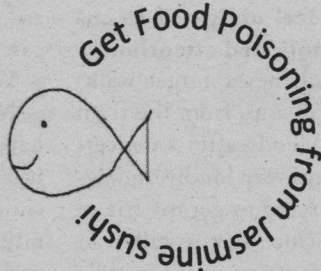


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REAL THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE



Write your entire final paper in the six hours before it's due



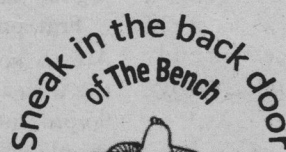
Get some "extra help" from your TA

Get less than a 50% on a final



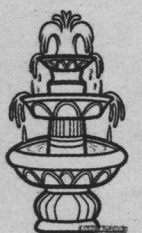
Openly get high in Tabler

Binge watch 7 hours of Netflix instead of studying for your final



Do something illegal on the roof of the ESS building

Flash your RA to get out of trouble



Dance in a fountain

Get chased by a mother goose protecting her babies

Women's Soccer

Senior midfielder Tessa Devereaux looks to relive first year magic, end collegiate career in the same fashion

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

Tessa Devereaux, a senior center midfielder for the Stony Brook women's soccer team, did not have to wait long to learn what winning feels like at the collegiate level.

Back in 2012, Devereaux's freshman year, the Seawolves won their first-ever America East Conference Championship.

"Just going through that your first year, it sets the bar high. You realize what that feeling is like and you want to do anything to be able to have that back," Devereaux said in a phone interview.

"My sophomore and junior year when we came up short, it made it even harder to experience because we had seen what it looked like freshman year to hold up that trophy."

Over the past three seasons, Devereaux has solidified herself as the team's offensive conductor.

The five-foot-three-inch health science major led the squad in assists and points last season, but was more concerned with missing a postseason bid.

"Once we won freshman year, I'm just so focused on doing anything to get that back," Devereaux said.

"Even if that means playing the role of the person who sets up goals. I'm willing to do that."

Devereaux's path to becoming Stony Brook's top facilitator and one of the few remaining athletes from the program's greatest season began during that unexpected run in 2012. But her roots in soccer trace back much further.

"I started when I was four, and it's funny because none of my family actually played soccer," Devereaux said.

"I think it was the type of thing where they wanted to let me try as many sports as I wanted to and then decide which one I liked best."

She also played softball when



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Devereaux is one of just three seniors on the 2015 roster.

she was younger, but soccer was her "primary sport."

When Devereaux went on to Jamesville-DeWitt High School just outside of Syracuse, New York, she began taking the game more seriously.

"I had this one club coach who really instilled in me that you have to take the time to do stuff on your own and develop your own skills," she said.

"So I started spending one to two hours everyday on my own doing technical work and fitness. I think that's when my game really took off and I saw the most improvement."

Devereaux said she received offers from big schools and small, but chose Stony Brook to stay close to her family and get a chance to play.

"The coaches really emphasized that no matter what year you are coming in you're going to have a chance to play and you're going to have a chance to make an impact," Devereaux said.

"I know there's a lot of other programs that aren't necessarily like that."

Tessa's father once booked a flight to Colorado the night before his daughter's game to watch her play.

"My family has always been huge supporters of me and my parents love coming to every single one of my

games so I wanted them to still be able to do that."

Devereaux also credits her little sister for her pivotal role.

"We would have our own little competitions just between the two of us," Devereaux said.

"I'd say that she was very much there throughout my development to help me get better and challenge me."

Women's soccer head coach Sue Ryan said Devereaux will have a key role on the team, both on and off the field.

"She's got a great training mentality for the younger players," Ryan said.

"She's a great role model. It's a positive all the way around in terms of her contributions to the team and to the program."

As one of just three seniors on the 2015 roster, Devereaux plans to use her experience from freshman year to try to find the same success this season.

"They really instilled in us freshman year that we were a true family and we always had each other's backs," Devereaux said.

"It didn't really matter what class you were in, whether you were a freshman or senior, everyone got along really well."

Volleyball

Outside hitter Kathy Fletcher looks to leave it all on the court in her senior year

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

Stony Brook volleyball head coach Coley Pawlikowski started her coaching tenure at Stony Brook spoiled with defensive specialists and offensive beasts.

Her third season will see similar talent on the offensive end, but Pawlikowski faces a huge loss at defense with the graduations of middle blockers Taylor Gillie and Evann Slaughter.

One bright spot remains for the Seawolves' defense: redshirt senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher.

Last season, Fletcher was third on the team in total blocks and total digs.

"Defense is where I struggled the most last season," she said. "I focused a lot more on defense just so I could be more well-rounded."

Although defense became her forte last season, that was not always the case in her career.

Her defense certainly did improve, with Fletcher, going from 1.91 digs per set to 2.17. She also upped her blocks per set, averaging .68 in 2013 and .74 in 2014.

Not only was her defense outstanding, her offensive game shined.

She led the team in kills per set last season at 2.98. She was also second on the team in total kills, with 274.

Fletcher, not one to settle, is looking to improve her game this year as well by becoming more consistent in her last season as a Seawolf.

"I think something that I struggled with last year was consistency, bringing the same amount of focus," she said. "I think that's a huge part of being able to play your best every game."

Fletcher worked on refining her game throughout the summer, and looks to have that pay off this season.

While improving her consistency is a big step going forward for the Seawolves, Fletcher's leadership skills will also play a big role. This year, she is one of four seniors on team comprised mostly of sophomores.

"I've been playing volleyball for

a lot of years. I think I have a lot of knowledge and I have a lot of an on-court presence," she mentioned when describing her leadership skills.

Those leadership skills are going to come in handy during the tough schedule the Seawolves have coming up.

Games against powerhouses such as Loyola Marymount, Long Beach State and Penn State, each of which finished in the top 50 of last year's RPI, are highlights of their non-conference schedule.

The challenges are no worry to Fletcher, however.

"I think it's going to be awesome [playing against tough teams]. I'm super pumped about our preseason schedule this year. The only way to get better is play competition better than you," she said.

"By playing higher competition than we're used to seeing in the America East, just bigger schools, is going to make us better."

Pawlikowski agreed with her.

"We've been talking about being a good program and there's no better way to establish what a good program is than to go and see the best," Pawlikowski said.

"Anybody in the volleyball world has watched [Penn State] the past five or six years just dominate the volleyball world, so being able to go there, see them play, watch them play, play with them, play against them would just be really cool," she said of the seven-time national champs.

In her final year, Fletcher is looking to leave it all on the court.

"This year, just ending the year with none of those thoughts and knowing that I put it all out there, knowing that I gave everything I had, by doing that we're going to have a really good chance this year," she said.

As the Seawolves go up against the toughest challenges they have had yet, they should rest assured that Fletcher's skill set, her Kaizen attitude and her outlook on the future has them in good hands.

Football

Shoulder surgery just another hurdle for senior quarterback Bednarski

By Andrew Eichenholz
Assistant Sports Editor

When Stony Brook football's senior quarterback and captain Conor Bednarski began his senior year at South Pasadena High School in California, the light shining over his dream of starting at a Division I school was dim.

Coming off two 2-8 seasons in which he threw nine more interceptions than he did touchdowns, any offers to play college football were from Division III schools. Yet, he still had a couple of things to fall back on.

"Perseverance and dedication to his craft," John Bednarski, Conor's father, said in referencing the two traits which he believes his son exhibits more than anything else.

"He knew or felt in his heart that he had the skill set to perform at a higher level."

After finishing up his high school career by throwing 13 touchdowns and only three interceptions during his senior year, Bednarski moved on to Fullerton College, a junior college in California, where he would look to

hone his skills for two seasons in pursuit of a scholarship at the next level. He was not guaranteed a starting job — even at Fullerton.

"Competition is always going to be a part of sports," Bednarski said.

"It's not something that I was running from or anything like that."

"That's why I went to junior college — so that I can prove that I can play at a high level of football."

It took a few games, but Bednarski would earn the starting quarterback role.

He threw for 1,836 yards and 11 touchdowns as a freshman. Just a year later, the Californian tossed the pigskin 2,453 yards through the air and found the endzone 25 times.

Three years after leading a two-win team, an olive branch was extended toward the West Coast from Long Island.

Bednarski grabbed it, transferring from coast-to-coast to accept Stony Brook's scholarship offer in the spring of 2013.

Sitting out for a year as a redshirt,

he sat and watched Lyle Negron lead the Seawolves in Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, a spot he wanted to be in.

When it appeared that he would jump into the starting role last season, the then-junior temporarily saw the job go to Syracuse University transfer John Kinder. Bednarski was not done yet, however.

"I think his steady and determined progression through his football career has shown that he has dedicated himself to working hard to be the finest athlete he can be," Bednarski's father said.

Not starting right away may not have been what the quarterback preferred, but he took it in stride just the same.

"Obviously I wasn't hoping to play behind someone else," Bednarski said of sitting on the sideline and watching Kinder, who has since graduated.

"But I embraced that competition, and it made me a better player."

With the question of whether or not Kinder would remain the starter for the entirety of the season up in

the air, the senior transfer went 11 for 28 passing the ball in his first two games, throwing two interceptions in the process.

So, as Stony Brook found itself in a defensive battle with the Football Bowl Subdivision's University of Connecticut, Bednarski was thrust into live competition.

"I was just trying to keep a positive mindset and have a high level of confidence so that when you do get put in the game you can go out there and perform at a high level," the 22-year-old said. "I was just waiting for coach to call my number and I'd be ready to go."

He was indeed ready, throwing a late touchdown to current New York Giants tight end Will Tye, wide open in the middle of the endzone, keeping the Seawolves alive in what became a loss.

Despite hiccups here and there — Bednarski was hit on a drop-back forcing a fumble as Stony Brook looked to tie or take the lead against James Madison in an otherwise impressive 260-yard passing performance — the quarterback showed

promise, totaling 1,327 yards and nine touchdowns, despite getting picked off seven times.

Bednarski underwent surgery on his throwing shoulder this spring, another hurdle standing in his way.

"I've never had surgery before as a result of a football injury, so that was something new," Bednarski said, adding that the time off gave him a chance to truly bury his head in the playbook and gain a new perspective on plays as they were happening on the field.

"It was a new challenge that I embraced and I definitely think it made me mentally stronger and made me work that much harder," he said.

He has one more chance to accomplish his main goal, which he said is "just to win games."

But for Bednarski, it is also the culmination and continuation of a long-and-winding road.

"It's been a wild ride. I definitely wouldn't have, couldn't have imagined this three or four years ago," Bednarski said.

"[I'm] definitely happy to be here. There's no place I'd rather be."

SPORTS

Former outfielder Jankowski completes "Road to the Show"

By Chris Gaine
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When San Diego Padres and former Stony Brook Seawolves outfielder Travis Jankowski made his MLB debut on Friday, Aug. 21 against the St. Louis Cardinals, he did so in impressive fashion.

The 24-year-old went 2-for-4 with a run batted in and a run scored in the Padres' 9-3 victory.

In doing this, Jankowski became the first Padre since Hall-of-Famer Tony Gwynn to record at least two hits and an RBI in his big-league debut, and he did so in his first two at-bats.

"It was a great experience and something I will never forget," Jankowski said to The San Diego Union-Tribune on Friday night. "It's still surreal."

Another first for Jankowski was becoming the first ex-Seawolf position player to play in the major leagues.

A trio of pitchers, Joe Nathan of the Detroit Tigers, Tom Koehler of the Miami Marlins and Nick Tropeano of the Los Angeles Angels, had previously made it to the majors.

The 2012-draftee became the first every-day-player to come out of Stony Brook.

Jankowski played for the Seawolves from 2010-2012 and was a pivotal part of the 2012 team that went to the College World Series.

That year, he batted .414 and led the America East in batting average, hits, triples, runs scored and stolen bases, and was named



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Former Seawolves outfielder Travis Jankowski, above, became the fourth Stony Brook player to be promoted to the majors, and also is the first position player to be called up.

ABCA/Rawlings National Co-Player of the Year.

Other past winners of this award include Toronto Blue Jays pitcher David Price, San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey and Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant. Of the 16 players who received this award since it was first given in 2001, seven have made it to the MLB All-Star teams.

Jankowski's elite performances in the NCAA tournament against the University of Miami and LSU helped bring Stony Brook its first ever berth to the College World Series.

The Padres took note of this spectacular season, and selected

Jankowski with the 44th overall selection in the MLB Amateur Draft that summer.

He was the first of seven Stony Brook players selected in that year's draft and the highest-selected player ever to come out of Stony Brook.

"Travis can go into a major league ballpark right now, run out to center field and play big-league center field for any team anywhere," Stony Brook head coach Matt Senk said to The New York Post in 2012.

Since leaving the Seawolves, Jankowski has excelled in the minor leagues, batting .293 in four seasons. MLB.com currently ranks Jankowski as the fifth-best

prospect in San Diego's system.

Earlier this summer, Jankowski played for the United States team at the Pan American Games in Toronto. The team, which was managed by former Los Angeles Dodgers and Colorado Rockies manager Jim Tracy, took home the silver medal.

Jankowski played a pivotal role in the United States' semi-final win against Cuba, driving in the game-tying run and scoring the game-winning run in the ninth inning.

After he returned from the Pan-Ams, Jankowski flourished. He batted .392 in Triple-A with nine stolen in 24 games prior to being called up.

Such statistics factored into the Padres' decision to promote him to the majors.

"He put himself on a road map and made it easier to make this call," Padres general manager A.J. Preller said of his decision to promote Jankowski, according to MLB.com. "He earned his way up for sure."

He will split time with the other starting centerfielder on the roster, Melvin Upton, Jr.

In his evaluation of Jankowski in The Sporting News, reporter Frank Neville describes him as a speedy, disciplined contact hitter.

"[Jankowski] is not an elite prospect, but he has the tools to be a solid contributor in batting average, on-base percentage, runs and, of course, stolen bases," Neville said.

"With the Padres essentially out of the playoff chase, Jankowski should get an extended opportunity to show what he can do in the last six weeks of the season."

Many in the Stony Brook community watched closely as Jankowski played his first major league game.

The school's Facebook and Twitter accounts were quick to congratulate him, and a story regarding his promotion was the lead on the baseball team's website.

Marlins pitcher Tom Koehler took to Twitter to wish Jankowski well.

"Big congrats... on getting your first hit in your first MLB [at-bat]," Koehler said. "Hope you have a long career."

Women's Soccer earns split of opening weekend homestand

By Skyler Gilbert
Staff Writer

Despite dominating large portions of play and holding a large lead in shot attempts, the Stony Brook women's soccer team was defeated 2-0 by the visiting Sacred Heart Pioneers in Sunday's matinee at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, dropping the Seawolves to 0-2 on the season.

"I think we came out a little slower than we did on Friday night [against St. John's]," junior Priscilla Wiggins said. "It took us a while to get into the game, and after that we were playing catch up."

Early in the game it was the Pioneers getting the better of the match's chances.

Freshman Melanie DaSilva found twine with an 11th-minute goal off of a cross from fellow freshman Lindsay Corallo, her second goal of the season.

Just minutes later, DaSilva nearly struck again.

After a defensive breakdown, the forward ricocheted the ball off the crossbar behind Stony Brook freshman Cara Gallagher.

The shot bounced straight down from the post, staying out of the net as the officials feverishly waved off a goal.

"I told them if they came out strong and hard, they might be able to throw [Stony Brook] off," Sacred Heart head coach Kim Banner said.

"I think scoring quickly like that



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Freshman goalie Cara Gallagher, above, has impressed in net. She's made eight saves in the first two games of 2015.

helped us to get the momentum that we needed."

"We need to be able to dictate our play on our home field and play to our style, and not get drawn out of that so easily by another team going up a goal against us," Stony Brook head coach Sue Ryan said after the loss.

"We were trying to serve longer balls than what we would normally play. We're more of a linking, possession-style team."

The Seawolves responded well for the rest of the half with a number of promising scoring chances as they sought an equalizer.

Sophomore Maddie Good and red-shirt junior Raven Edwards came on as substitutes late in the first half to ignite the offense.

The pair produced multiple quality opportunities off of senior Tessa Devereaux's crosses.

Perhaps the best explanation for why the Seawolves — who led in shot attempts 10-4 at halftime — had no goals at the break was the exceptional play by Pioneers senior goalkeeper Talia Schwartz.

She did well to handle the pace of the Stony Brook shots coming at her and to step up on dangerous passes in front.

"I think our offense was attacking them and overpowering them and we were just one step too late to kick in the balls that went off the goalie or off their defenders," Wiggins said.

In many ways, the second half mirrored the first half. Sacred Heart capi-

talized on an early chance and the Seawolves failed to recover despite several opportunities.

In the 51st minute, Corallo launched a deep shot from beyond the box, hitting the crossbar.

Stepping into the rebound, Alexis Parlato took a few kicks at the ball before it finally rolled across the line, giving the Seawolves an insurmountable deficit.

Stony Brook did not go down without a fight. In the 56th minute off of a cross from Wiggins, senior Emily Murrer found the crossbar from within ten feet of the goal.

The missed chance epitomized an afternoon where the Seawolves struggled to finish.

"It's kind of corny, but sometimes that's soccer," Ryan said when asked about the failed opportunities.

"You can take 20 shots on goal, kick the ball off the post, off the crossbar, and still not score."

Some of the additional chances on the attack in the second half can be attributed to Ryan's move to take Wiggins, typically a defender, to the left side attacking position.

Wiggins was the primary playmaker in the second half, adding a match-high five shot attempts.

"[Wiggins] has a really positive, strong, left-footed serve. We were trying to get more balls in the box," Ryan said.

The Seawolves' next game is against Central Connecticut State on Friday.

This Week in Seawolves Sports

Men's Soccer

Fri. August 28
7 p.m. vs. Central Connecticut State

Women's Soccer

Fri. August 28
4:30 p.m. vs. Central Connecticut State at Fairfield

Sun. August 30
11 a.m. vs. Drexel at Fairfield

Women's Volleyball

Fri. August 28
5 p.m. vs. Villanova at Penn State

Sat. August 29
1 p.m. at Penn State

5 p.m. vs. Buffalo at Penn State