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Members of the band Walk The Moon arrive at Perez Hilton's One Night In Los Angeles Benefiting VH1 Save The Music at the Belasco Theater on Sept. 6, 2012.

Walk the Moon to headline Back to the Brook

By Rena Thomas
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government announced on Sunday evening that Walk The Moon and Timeflies as the artists for 2015's Back to the Brook at Island Federal Credit Union Arena on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Vice President of Communications Brody Hooper said he is excited about the variety of genres this concert will have to offer.

"I think this concert is cool," Hooper said. "It is hitting a genre we haven't really hit too much."

Walk The Moon's hit song "Shut Up and Dance," from the album Talking Is Hard, is popular on the radio now and will get students dancing. Timeflies, whose third album will be released the day after Back to the Brook on Thursday, Sept. 18, will close the show.

Timeflies is known for its pop renditions of songs like "Wagon Wheel" by Darius Rucker and the hit single "I Choose U" from its album "After Hours."

This year's concert will feature opening acts from two different Stony Brook artists: R&B singer

Justin Love and rock group In Loving Memory will each be performing a set earlier in the night.

In Loving Memory vocalist Naveed Stone described his band's sound as "what would happen if pop and metal had a baby."

"I get to bring to the table something a little different compared to previous Stony Brook concerts," Stone said. "I think that is critically important for a campus with a student body as diverse as ours."

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Birds, mosquitoes test positive for West Nile in Suffolk County

By Rachel Siford
Assistant News Editor

Nine mosquitoes and two birds tested positive for West Nile Virus in Suffolk County, according to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

The two birds that were sampled were a crow from Stony Brook collected on Aug. 14 and a blue jay from Smithtown on Aug. 18.

"The confirmation of West Nile virus in mosquito samples or birds indicates the presence of West Nile virus in the area," Suffolk County Health Commissioner Dr. James L. Tomarken said in a news release. "While there is no cause for alarm, we urge residents to cooperate with us in our efforts to reduce the exposure to the virus, which can be debilitating to humans."

Tomarken urged people to reduce stagnant waters where mosquitoes breed in order to reduce their population.

"The breed of mosquito known as Culex pipiens-restuans lay their eggs in fresh water-filled containers, so dumping rainwater that collects in containers around your house is important," he said.

He also recommended removing all discarded tires on properties, making sure to drain gutters properly, changing water in bird-baths and draining water from pool covers.

Tomarken urged people to avoid mosquito bites by minimizing outdoor activities from dusk to dawn, wearing shoes and socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors and using bug spray or repellent.

He also suggested making sure all windows and doors have screens and that they are in good shape.

Most people with West Nile Virus will not experience severe symptoms, but some can develop a high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

Neurological effects may be permanent. Those over 50 years old or those with compromised immune systems are urged to take these precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services urges residents to report any dead birds found on their properties because that may indicate the presence of the West Nile Virus.

They are also encouraged to take a picture of the bird. Residents can report any dead birds to the West Nile Virus hotline in Suffolk County at 631-787-2200.

For any medical questions, people can call 631-854-0333. County residents can also go to the Department of Health Services website.

Seawolves Town will bring new tailgating experience to Stony Brook

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

As part of its rebranding effort, the Stony Brook University Athletics Department will be unveiling Seawolves Town. The football season opener against Central Connecticut, on Sept. 12, will be the first game to feature this new tailgating experience.

What was once just the east side of LaValle Stadium's parking lot will become "the prime tailgating location during Seawolves football game days," according to a news release from the Athletics Department.

The lot will be divided into the general "Town" and the student-only "Lot."

The "Town" will showcase carnival games, balloon artists and face painters. The "Lot" will have food, music and other tailgating activities that will vary week to week.

"Seawolves Town will feature a festive game day atmosphere for every home football game that will include most, if not all, of the aforementioned activities," Associate Athletic Director for External Services Rob Emmerich said in an email. "While those activities will serve as the 'staples' of Seawolves Town, we do plan to have some variety in Seawolves Town from week-to-week."

Tailgating does have restrictions, however.

A permit is required to park in Seawolves Town. One season-long permit costs \$150, and fans can pay \$75 per additional permit.

Tailgating regulations enforced by the University Police Department also apply.

"Athletics is in the process of finalizing a tailgate policy that will be available on their website in the coming weeks," Eric Olsen, assistant chief of the Univer-

sity Police Department, said in an email.

Seawolves Town is not the only new initiative for fans the Athletics Department is rolling out.

The Red Zone student section has been moved from the south end zone to the west sideline in order to give students a better view.

Also new to the stands is the Wolfpack, a student-led support group that will be hosting events in Seawolves Town.

These new traditions are all part of the Together We Transform plan. The plan is to turn Stony Brook University into Long Island's premier sports destination.

The Athletics Department will make efforts to rebrand the school, to create a better environment for student athletes, to compare to other Division I schools and to expand the pro-



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LaValle Stadium (above) will have a new tailgating location on the east side of its parking lot this fall.

grams in the department.

After Hofstra University dropped its football program on Dec. 3, 2009, the Seawolves finally had the chance to become the powerhouse of Long Island football.

Zach Schonbrun wrote in a

2010 New York Times article that "it was fortunate news at Stony Brook's 1,000-acre campus along the northern rim of Long Island. Despite constraints

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SUNY unveils "Seamless Transfer" initiative

By Kelly Saberi
Assistant News Editor

The State University of New York announced a new policy known as "seamless transfer," which will guarantee that a student's completed general education classes and classes that go towards his or her major will transfer to and from any SUNY campus.

The new system compiles more than 32,000 academic courses across the most popular majors, which accounts for more than 95 percent of transfer students, according to a SUNY news-release.

Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and the SUNY Board of Trustees first unveiled the idea in 2012 as a part of "Completion Agenda." The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of degrees from 93,000 to 150,000 for the next five years.

"Every year, more than 30,000 students transfer from one SUNY campus to another," said Alexander Cartwright, SUNY provost and executive vice chancellor, in the news release.

SUNY has also implemented "Transfer Paths," which "summarize the common lower di-



PHOTO CREDIT: SUNY

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher (above) announced the "seamless transfer" initiative with the Board of Trustees.

vision requirements shared by all SUNY campuses for similar majors within most disciplines," according to the SUNY website.

The goal of Transfer Paths is to ensure junior standing to any student who has completed two years of study.

There are currently 52 Transfer Paths, ranging from adolescence education to political science.

Within the 30,000 transfer students in the SUNY system, 49 percent of them transfer from a community college to a four-year university. Another 16

percent move from one four-year college to another, while 17 percent move from a four-year school to a community college. That leaves 18 percent who move from one community college to another.

"The full implementation of SUNY's seamless transfer initiative will provide an unprecedented level of guidance to students as they seek to transfer between and among SUNY institutions," Peter Knuepfer, SUNY Trustee and president of the University Faculty Senate, said in the news release.

Police Blotter

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the bicycle of a male commuter student was reported stolen at the Long Island Rail Road station. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Aug. 20, hall furniture in Frey Hall was tampered with. The parts were located and reattached. The case is now closed.

On Friday, Aug. 21, a female patient allegedly threw and broke a state phone in the University Hospital. The case is now closed.

On Friday, Aug. 21, a car accident occurred near Administration. One party fled. The case is now closed.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, five students were found with marijuana in Greeley College. University Police issued referrals to three resident students.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, a vehicle of resident students at the Main Gate was overloaded with passengers, one of whom was reportedly yelling "Let me out" in the trunk. Police issued a student referral for liquor law violations. One student was transported to University Hospital.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, a broken window was reported in Keller College the residence hall. The case is open.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, a male student lent his iPhone to an unknown female nonstudent who allegedly ran off with it. The woman was located. The case is now closed.

On Sunday, Aug. 23, two nonstudents were found with marijuana on Circle Road and Roosevelt Drive. Both were arrested.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

Under the Microscope: Sleep position impacts brain's ability to detox

By Ruchi Shah
Staff Writer

Like a garbage truck removing waste, the brain's glymphatic pathway works to remove harmful molecules like amyloid β and tau proteins, the buildup of which could lead to neurological diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

A recent study led by Dr. Helene Benveniste, a professor in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Radiology at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, found that sleeping in the lateral (side) position could more effectively clear the brain of these harmful wastes.

The brain's glymphatic pathway is thought to work best at night because that is when the

space between the cells expands and the pressure drops, allowing for more effective exchange.

Benveniste wondered if sleeping position plays a role in the effectiveness of the brain-waste clearance process of the glymphatic pathway. To find out, she and a team of researchers from several universities designed a study comparing waste clearance in mice sleeping in the lateral, prone (down) and supine (up) positions.

The research team used an imaging technique called dynamic contrast MRI along with kinetic modeling to visualize and quantify waste removal in the brain.

"The analysis showed us consistently that glymphatic transport was most efficient in the lateral position when compared

to the supine or prone positions," Benveniste said in a news release.

Interestingly, the lateral sleep position is the most common in humans and animals, suggesting that organisms have evolved over time to prefer the sleeping position that clears brain waste the best. This idea is corroborated by the correlation between the prone sleeping position and sudden infant death and sleep apnea.

Furthermore, poor sleep has also been suggested to play a role in dementia and memory loss in Alzheimer's patients, furthering the idea that proper sleep is needed to rid the brain of harmful wastes.

These findings could improve future diagnostic imaging procedures, as doctors can use the information to position patients to best



PHOTO CREDIT: STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Dr. Helene Benveniste (right) and Hedok Lee (center) visualized and quantified waste removal in the brain.

view the function of their brain's glymphatic pathway.

It is important to note that these experiments were con-

ducted in mice and further studies are needed before the results can be translated to humans.

LaValle Stadium to get a new tailgating location this fall

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from the state, (former Athletics Director Jim) Fiore had already been reinvigorating Stony Brook's fund-raising to take aim at Hofstra, its competition in Hempstead."

In the past few years, Stony Brook football has made a jump from Big South to the Colonial Athletic Association, played tougher teams and became a home for transfers from premier Football Bowl Subdivision programs like Oregon, all in the name of competition.

In order to compete with its rivals, Stony Brook is looking to draw fans and pack LaValle Stadium.

"While we did take a look at how several universities implemented similar ideas on their campuses, there were no specific institutions that served as the inspiration for Seawolves Town," Emmerich said. "We wanted to put together an incredible game day experience that was unique to Stony Brook and provided our fans and Long Island with a can't miss event on Seawolves Saturdays."

Student disappearance still unsolved 17 years later

By Brittany Bernstein
Contributing Writer

Wednesday, Aug. 26 marked 17 years since a Stony Brook University student from southern China was reported missing, and the circumstances surrounding the disappearance remain unknown.

Yim Yeung "Jimmy" Tsui was 20 years old when he disappeared from his family home in New Hyde Park. Newsday reported in 2011 that Tsui's sister looked into his room on the morning of Aug. 26, 1998 before leaving for work to find him sound asleep. She would not see her brother again.

Tsui had been taking summer classes at Stony Brook, preparing

for his junior year as an undeclared major, Newsday reported. But soon after he disappeared, his family members received a letter informing them that he had been expelled from Stony Brook because he had been receiving poor grades. He disappeared 10 years after immigrating to the United States.

He stood 5-feet, 10-inches tall and weighed 140 pounds. He had black hair and brown eyes and was last seen wearing blue jeans and glasses.

Anyone with information on his disappearance or his location can call the state Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3543 or submit a lead to the state Department of Criminal Justice Services website.



SOURCE: NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Yim Yeung Tsui (above) was a junior at Stony Brook University at the time of his disappearance.

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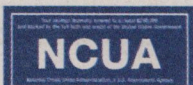
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Timeflies is an American music duo consisting of vocalist Cal Shapiro (right) and producer Rob Resnick (left). The electro-hip hop pair created Timeflies in 2011 when the boys were in college. The duo's latest album, "Just For Fun," will be released on Sept. 15 of this year.

Timeflies and Walk The Moon to take the stage at Back to the Brook 2015

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USG widened its choice of performers this semester in an attempt to expand genres. Some artists in the pool of options included singer-songwriter George Ezra, singer of the hit "Budapest" and rapper Fetty Wap, known for his hit single "Trap Queen."

The artists were unveiled to students in a new and innovative way implemented by USG. Wolfie revealed the first act, Walk The Moon, via his Snapchat and Instagram. Students had to follow the USG's private Instagram account in order to reveal Timeflies as the opening act.

By using the hashtag #BTB2K15, participants will have the

chance to have their pictures displayed on the big screen during the concert.

Unlike past fall concerts, USG will be giving away t-shirts, which is usually exclusive to spring concerts.

Hooper said that USG is working with the fire marshals to figure out ways to fit more fans on the floor without violating fire code

regulations. According to Hooper, fire marshals are willing to increase the number of floor tickets after surveying the arena and safety exits based on attendance from the last concert.

Last year's Lupe Fiasco concert was significantly later in the semester compared to this year's concert. The earlier concert date is intended to keep the "back to school" en-

ergy up on campus as well as to get the student body pumped for the home football game that following Saturday.

"I am extremely excited for this concert because I know everyone has been looking forward to it all summer," USG President Cole Lee said. "I hope that we can really provide a night of fun and excitement for everyone."

More than meets the eye: Lorraine Walsh

By Rena Thomas
Arts & Entertainment Editor

A picture composed of colorful, simple shapes on a plain backdrop hangs on the wall of Lorraine Walsh's small third-floor office in the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics. Walsh created the minimalistic visual with a deeply intricate meaning in mind.

"The piece is called 'String Theory,'" she said softly.

Her website explains that the piece emulates the multitude of space-time dimensions in basic objects in nature. She arrived at a visual depiction of these ideas through extensive research, sketching and work with computer animation, a picture truly worth a thousand words.

Walsh marries her lifelong love of art and science as a curator for Stony Brook University's Simons Center by creating new and thought provoking exhibits.

"When curating, you are bringing together the community," Walsh said. "Sharing new ideas and creativity with everyone, it is a very social thing. There is a lot of outreach with sharing art with the public."

This semester, she is organizing a solo exhibition of work by digital artist Manfred Mohr. Mohr blends digital art with algorithmic geometry in order to create computer drawings and visuals.

This exhibition will feature Mohr's early digital drawings produced at Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1969.

A talk by Mohr himself will be held at on Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception to follow.

A New York City native, Walsh spent the past 14 years as a professor of new media at the University of North Carolina Asheville. Walsh said she is glad to finally be back home in New York.

From North Carolina to New York to Greece, she has been around the world and back for her research in art and science.

Walsh received a grant through the University of Athens to assist in the European Mobile Lab for Interactive Media Artists, also known as e-MobiLArt. This group focuses on helping artists collaborate on inter-

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The Wang Center has big plans for fall

By Krysten Massa
Multimedia Editor

Origami, chopstick competitions, Asian history, special performances and more are all offered at the Wang Center for this fall semester.

Jinyoung Jin, the Associate Director of Cultural Programs of the Wang Center, worked all summer to bring a wide variety of exhibitions, lectures and workshops to campus this year.

Origami Heaven showcases nine different artists' works, from things to wear, furniture and installations all made from origami. Jin said she was asked about the lack of origami last year, so this year she made sure she included this exhibition for

the fall.

The Earth and Sky: Captured Movement exhibition is all work by Sook Jin Jo, a Korean-American artist, who uses wood from old furniture.

Reality Override is mixed-media artwork by Ren Zi. Zi is a self-taught digital media artist who is inspired by Singapore. The exhibition that features his art is in celebration of Singapore's 50th anniversary of independence.

The Explore History: Objects from Asia exhibit will feature different items from Asian countries, donated by the faculty and students on campus.

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New artwork, workshops and performances at the Wang Center this fall

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Another thing Jin made sure she brought back for this year is the Shadow Puppet Show and workshop. She recalled that it was a big hit on campus. The puppet show will take place Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. with a workshop earlier that day at 1:30 p.m..

One of the special performances this year include Kyogen: Japanese Medieval Comedy on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Jin noted that

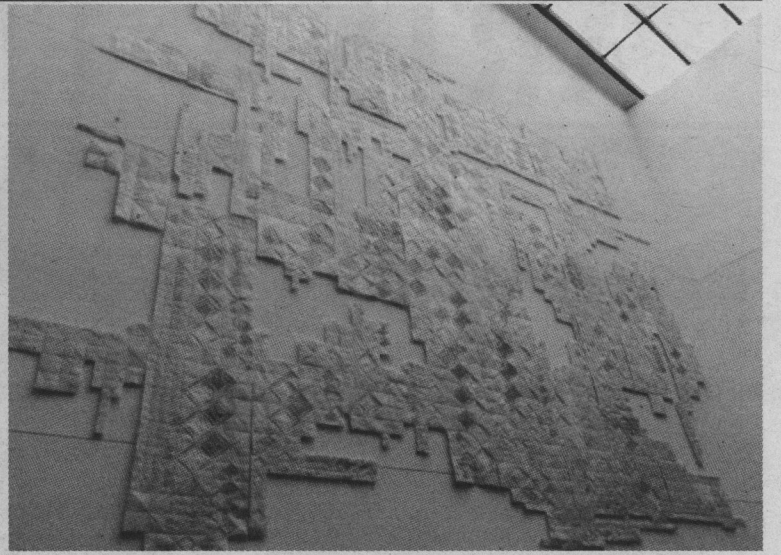
in Japan, a ticket to see this show would cost about \$200, but here, students are able to attend for only \$5.

There will also be a special performance on Sept. 23 by Verena Tay. Tay is a multi-cultural, multi-genre artist who will be telling stories from Singaporean folktales while using some humor. She will be reading and performing excerpts from her plays and short stories and will also talk about her creative inspirations.

Something else that the cen-

ter has never done before is host a celebration of the Full Moon, which Jin said is similar to Thanksgiving in places across East Asia. To celebrate, there will be a festival in the Wang Center's outside garden on Sept. 28 at 6 p.m., with special drum performances by drummers from all over the world. Jin talked about how the center has not done many festival programs, but she wants to utilize the garden space.

Jin is thrilled about what is to come and said that now that it is



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"White Wonderland" by the Korean-American artist Wonju Seo is displayed on the wall at the Wang Center.

her second year in her position, she feels she was able to utilize all of the space of the Wang Center.

"I'm excited for everything," Jin said. "I'm happy to change the look of the Wang Center."

An opening reception on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. will celebrate all four exhibitions.

There are also lectures, workshops and performances planned for the rest of the fall semester.

Lorraine Walsh combines her passion for art and science at the Simons Center

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active installations throughout the world.

In this project, Walsh combined her alternative approach to art with her extensive work in the art of sound.

She uses sound almost as a paintbrush of the senses, merging audio, visuals and textures.

She assisted the group in creating an abstract piece called "Sound-Lines." They used a database referencing an Incan record-keeping device called the khipu, or quipu, to create interactive sound sculptures.

Walsh has been passionate about art and science for as long as she can remember.

As the daughter of a painter and the granddaughter of an inventor, she was learning new ideas before she could even speak.

"My parents and grandparents alike always encouraged me to follow my dream," Walsh said. "It never occurred to me a career in the arts could be a challenging path. It's only as an adult I realize how invaluable and wonderful it was to

have received the confidence and infallible trust to pursue my passion, be it art or science."

Along with curating, Walsh was also a visiting associate professor in the Department of Art, where she taught a class in museum studies.

Her dual roles as a professor and curator allow Walsh to invite art students from Stony Brook to work at the Simons Center gallery. This intermingling of the two departments has been a beneficial learning experience for students.

Theater student Zifei Wu has worked on three projects with Walsh. Wu said she wants to learn about the curating world and someday merge her knowledge of theater and curating.

She said Walsh has taught her a lot about the extensive research and organization behind showcasing professional work.

Wu worked alongside Walsh last May in the opening of "The Iconic Wall," featured at the Simons Center last semester. "The Iconic Wall" featured a large-scale exhibit proposed by Nina Douglas, director of the Simons Center's Arts and Science program, and was further

developed by Stony Brook mathematics professor Anthony Phillips.

Artist Christian White adapted the design and hand-carved the site-specific, permanent limestone installation.

The exhibit included a video demonstration on what the math and science depicted on the piece.

With all these projects and exhibits, Walsh likes makes time to appreciate the art of nature. She is

a frequent kayaker, runner and yoga instructor.

She plans to continue to work, curate at Stony Brook and keep molding spaces for creative thought and imagination for years to come.



PHOTO CREDIT: LEI HAN

Lorraine Walsh, above, has had her work displayed internationally in places such as Greece, Germany and Cuba. She has also received a number of grants and awards.

"We are Your Friends" does not live up to hype

fer) and Dustin (Jonny Weston).

During a party, Carter meets James (Wes Bentley), a recording artist and DJ, who invites him to his own party. The two begin to learn more about each others music and after hearing Carter's tracks, James decides to hire him to play his parties. This allows Carter to find the right track he has been looking for his whole life.

Once he starts working for James, Carter falls for Sophie (Emily Ratajkowski), James' girlfriend and assistant. After this, he finds himself faced with the decision between his career, his love life and his friends.

The first problem with the movie is that the beginning is slow and dull. The acting lacked any sort of emotion or excitement and there was not enough

dialogue between characters.

The other red flag while watching was the storyline was remotely similar to Efron's previous movie, "That Awkward Moment." Basically, the film was about a group of men in their twenties who are trying to be more mature and do something more useful and beneficial with their lives.

Once more of the DJ music started playing, the movie got more interesting. Carter's infectious beats were entertaining to the audience.

One memorable scene in the movie that embodied the DJ culture was when Carter played the song "Desire" by Years and Years at James' party. The music really drove the movie.

Efron's performance in this movie did not exactly meet the

expectations that people were hoping for. There may have been plenty of drama, but his acting was lukewarm.

There was one scene that redeemed Efron's acting. This was after his friend, Squirrel, dies at a party.

The scene when he sees his friend's body on the floor was an emotional climax and during that scene Efron displayed believable acting.

Other than that, the acting in the movie in general went from being dull to neutral. The stars did not show enough passion or emotion in most of the scenes.

All in all, the music was the highlight of the entire movie. If someone were to choose between buying the soundtrack and seeing the movie, go with the soundtrack.



PHOTO CREDIT: GEORGES BLARD

Zac Efron, above, rose to fame in the early 2000s when he starred as Troy in the Disney movie "High School Musical."

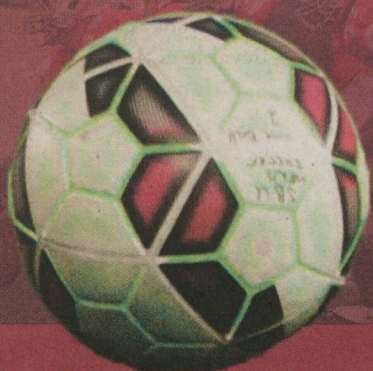
By David Pepa
Contributing Writer

"We Are Your Friends," directed by Max Joseph, captivates the audience with its infectious DJ music, but also had a few red flags in between the beats.

The story begins when 23-year-old Cole Carter (Zac Efron), an aspiring DJ who dreams of becoming a record producer, starts playing at a club named Social, which is promoted by his friends Ollie (Shiloh Fernandez), Squirrel (Alex Shaf-

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Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

AT WILLIAM & MARY

Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

AT JAMES MADISON

Oct. 3 at 12 p.m.

VS. TOWSON

Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

AT MAINE

Oct. 24 at 12:30 p.m.

VS. ELON

Oct. 31 at 12 p.m.

VS. HOWARD

Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

AT RHODE ISLAND

Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

VS. ALBANY

Nov. 21 at 1 p.m.

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2013

Lyle Negron
9 Int. • 2,367 Yds. • 13 TDs

2012

Kyle Essington
8 Int. • 2,032 Yds. • 23 TDs

2011

Kyle Essington
4 Int. • 1,919 Yds. • 20 TDs

2010

Michael Coulter
10 Int. • 1,811 Yds. • 17 TDs

2009

Michael Coulter
10 Int. • 2,060 Yds. • 15 TDs

Stony Brook Football looks to bounce back in 2015 season

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

2014 was not the finest of seasons for the Stony Brook football team.

The team went 5-7 last year with a 4-4 record in the Colonial Athletic Association. Many of these losses stemmed from lack of a consistent starting quarterback. The Seawolves passed for just 11 touchdowns in 12 games, the second-fewest in the CAA. Stony Brook finished eighth in the conference and placed eighth in the conference's annual preseason coaches' poll earlier this summer.

But spending time around the team during camp this year, the atmosphere does not reflect its prior failures. The players and coaches have projected hope despite the questions surrounding the quarterback position.

"I've been here for ten years and this is the best first week of training camp we've ever had," head coach Chuck Priore said. "Three months from now if we stay on target I would expect us to be on target for a playoff spot in the CAA."

Much of this hope will lie on the shoulders of senior quarterback Conor Bednarski, who started the team's last eight games in 2014 and went 4-4, passing for 1,327 yards, nine touchdowns and seven interceptions. Such numbers are hardly impressive, but it's possible with some experience under his belt, Bednarski will improve and be able to be the consistent

quarterback able to efficiently run Stony Brook's offense.

"I know I learned a lot last year and I know I could have played a lot better," Bednarski said. "I put a couple of those [losses] on my back personally."

Priore is also optimistic about his quarterback's potential improvement.

"I just think the game experience alone is crucial," Priore said. "I think he'll be able to feel more comfortable with game situations."

Several of Bednarski teammates also expressed support for him. Sophomore receiver Donavin Washington praised Bednarski's early camp performance.

"I feel 100 percent confident in him," Washington said. "He's been looking real good this camp and I like the way he's been playing."

Senior linebacker Rahim Cassell, who transferred to Stony Brook last year following two years at Oregon, likened Bednarski's work ethic to one of his more accomplished teammates: Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota. He said that aside from Mariota's elite speed, the quarterbacks express many similarities.

"Both have great arms," Cassell said. "Mariota was in the playbook all the time and so is Bednarski. Both of them have the intellectual gift to run both offenses. Both of them can do exactly the same things."

The most crucial player surrounding Bednarski is junior running back Stacey Bedell. In his first year at Stony Brook af-

"Last year we struggled to win an identity, especially early in the season, but we've figured that out. We'll have good balance and I think we have players on both sides of the field who would add to our team."

— Chuck Priore, Head Coach

ter transferring from UMass, Bedell was the team's most dynamic player on offense, rushing for 1,070 yards and nine touchdowns in 11 games last season. Bedell will likely receive touches in the lion's share of offensive plays since Priore has generally geared toward a run-heavy offense in the past.

"Hope so," Priore said when asked if Bedell would be the focal point of the offense. "He's put 15 pounds on from last year so he should be able to stand the test of time."

However, the Seawolves lost their two leading receivers from last season. Wide receiver Adrian Coxson and tight end Will Tye have each graduated. Tye is currently with the New York Giants and Coxson was with the Green Bay Packers before being released earlier this month. Washington will be the team's top returning receiver and said he feels confident about the upcoming season.

"It was great playing with [Coxson and Tye]," Washington said. "But I think now that we've got more receivers, we all work together, and we have good receiving corps. So now this year we should be better as a unit."

Others returning to the Seawolves' receiving corps include junior wide receiver Pat D'Amato, sophomore Nick Wagner and sophomore tight end P.J. Edwards. None of these players played much in 2014, but Washington seemed confident in their abilities, along with the ability of Bednarski to get them the ball.

For all of the problems that manifested under center last season, Stony Brook fielded one of the Football Championship Subdivision's best defenses. The Seawolves had the sixth-best defense in the 125-team FCS last season. With eight returning starters, including preseason All-CAA senior defensive back Naim Cheeseboro and senior defensive lineman Victor Ochi, the Seawolves' defense once again projects to be one of col-

lege football's best.

"I don't know if we'll play statistically as well as we did last year because those were some amazing statistics," Priore said. "But I do feel we have a lot of depth we bring back a lot of players with a lot of experience, we've added some players that have moved up as freshman, sophomores and a couple of transfers."

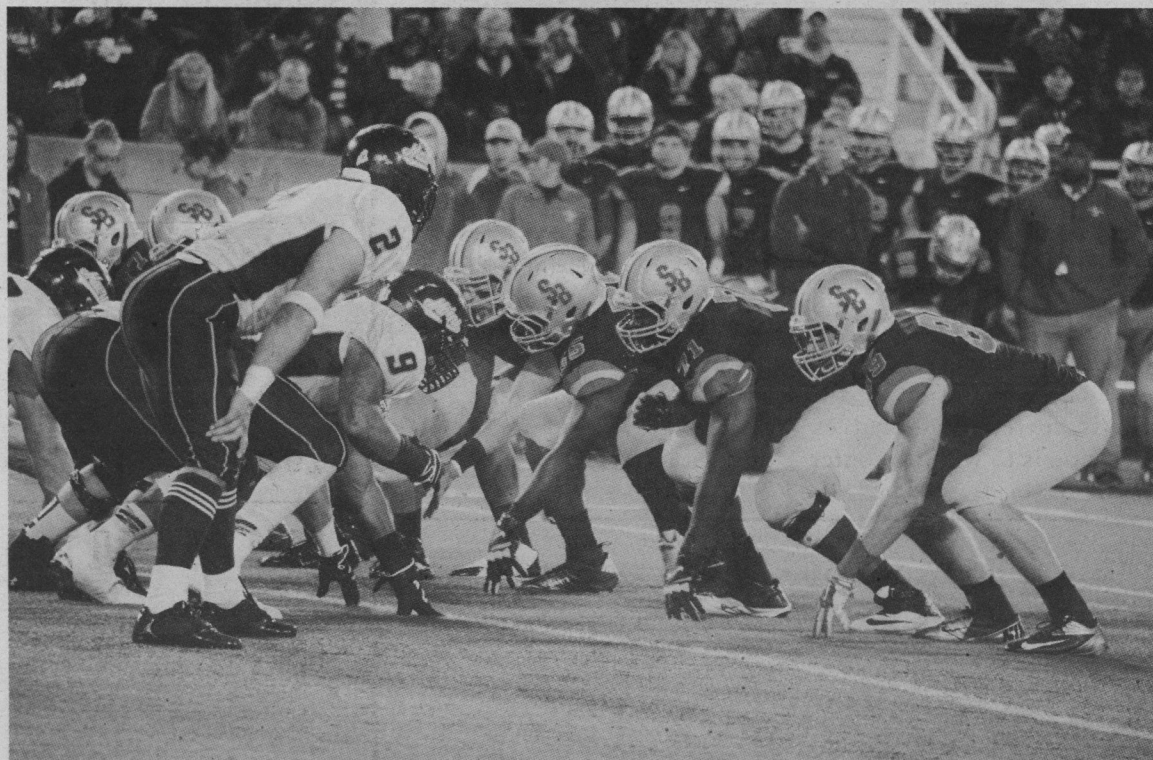
Although the mantra is "defense wins championships," Stony Brook's stout defense could not carry the whole load in 2014. The disparity of production on both sides of the ball has been one of the main issues addressed coming into training camp.

"I would say this year would be more balanced," Priore said. "Last year we struggled to win an identity, especially early in the season, but we've figured that out. We'll have good balance and I think we have players on both sides of the field who would add to our team."

While football has obviously been at the forefront of this season's training camp, Priore focused on intangibles as well. Because Stony Brook blew several late in games last season, Bednarski said mental toughness has been part of this season's preparation so the team can learn to stay positive in tough situations.

"We lost a lot of games late last year with an average of 4:46 left on the clock," Bednarski said. "So we have 4:46 on the back of our workout shirts and approach the workouts in a manner that we would finish games. Go hard at the end of the workout, we had finishers and we really busted out butts. We worked hard to finish workouts and finish everything we did, doing it the right way so that when games ended, we go out on top."

Stony Brook has another week to finish camp to hammer out its previous deficiencies. The Seawolves will head to University of Toledo on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. to take on the Rockets. The game will be aired on ESPN3.com.



After two seasons under .500 in the CAA, senior quarterback Conor Bednarski and his Seawolves team will look to make their first playoff appearance since 2012. PHOTO CREDIT: HEATHER KHALIFA

One year later, Men's Soccer strives for better results

By Zach Rowe
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University men's soccer team started its new season on Aug. 28, giving it a chance to kick off its quest to improve from last year's performance.

Coming out of a 4-13-2 season where they ranked 188th out of 205 teams by RPI, the Seawolves certainly have ample room for improvement.

However, the Seawolves got their season off to a great start with a 1-0 win over Central Connecticut State University with the hope to win games this season in a similar fashion.

"We want to be defensively sound, we want to not give up a lot of opportunities and ultimately not give up goals," head coach Ryan Anatol said. "We want to be compact defensively, get numbers behind the ball and be able to press teams in our block. We feel as though we can be very dangerous in transition. Some of the guys we have up top and some of the pace we have going forward, we want to be very quick to get forward and dynamic in the attack so we can create goals."

That game plan was executed against CCSU just as it was drawn up. The Seawolves took advantage of their pace, with long balls over the top and kept their opponents to only one shot in the first half.

Such strategy fits the Seawolves well. The team is athletically talented and looks to be one of the fastest teams in the America East. However, the team's youth is also apparent. The Seawolves lack the development of some other, older teams in the conference.

However, cohesion and chemistry is sure to play as big a part this season as it did last season. Such a counterattacking style may give the Seawolves the chance to exploit their pace in transition if a more developed side dominates possession.



After back-to-back seasons of six or fewer wins, Stony Brook will look to its added year of experience to achieve double-digit wins for the first time since the 2012 season. PHOTO CREDIT: HANAA' TAMEEZ

The team most likely looks to set up in a 4-4-2 formation. Anatol has rarely, if ever, strayed from a four at the back setup.

"We looked at it last year and felt as though we need[ed] to score more goals," Anatol said. "We need to create more opportunities. With this part of the year, we've been playing with two up top as opposed to one up top in previous years. We've put Martin Giordano in a more central location up top. He's been one of our leading goal scorers, so we're trying to get him closer to the goal."

Roster wise, depth seems to be the strength over having a couple of star players, an aspect Anatol praised. In goal, the competition seems to be between junior Jason Orban and redshirt sophomore Tom McMahon, with Orban getting the first start of the season. The back line is highlighted by the return of Tavares Thompson, who missed most of 2014 due to injuries and looks to be a key cog in the defense Anatol hopes to rely on.

Senior midfielder Alejandro Fritz and sophomore mid-

fielder Thibault Duval look to be the attacking mid duo, which will supply the creativity and playmaking for the Seawolf offense, with freshman midfielder Serge Gamwanya and freshman midfielder Martieon Watson providing cover and support from deeper positions. Finally, senior midfielder and captain Martin Giordano, a second team all-conference selection in 2014, looks to be both a creator and a scorer from the forward position.

"We have high expectations, we want to do well out of conference and be successful to propel ourselves into conference play," Anatol said. "The schedule that we put together we know is one that will challenge us, with some of the teams that were playing against us. So, we're excited for the challenges that we have out of conference and our goals in conference are always to compete and to put ourselves in the best position to win a conference tournament championship, and this year is no different. Our expectation is to win the confer-

ence tournament, which gives us the opportunity to get into the NCAA tournament."

The Seawolves face a tough schedule on their quest for a conference championship. Before conference play even starts, they face tough challenges, such as hosting Harvard at home and Louisville away. Louisville ranked No. 18 in the preseason coaches poll and offers a stiff challenge for the Seawolves.

The Seawolves' greatest challenge, however, comes in the America East Conference. Their final game of the regular season looks to be their biggest, as they travel to Baltimore to face off against nationally 12th-ranked UMBC. Not only did UMBC win the America East last season, but it was able to advance to the Final Four of the College Cup. This game will be a great test for the Seawolves if they are able to make the America East playoffs. If Stony Brook hopes to fulfill Anatol's goal to win a championship, the Seawolves will have to be able to beat UMBC.

For every David, there must be a Goliath.

SCHEDULE

VS. SACRED HEART
Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

AT LOUISVILLE
Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

AT IONA
Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

VS. HARVARD
Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

VS. MARIST
Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

AT VILLANOVA
Sept. 20 at 1 p.m.

VS. BUFFALO
Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

AT FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON
Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.

VS. ALBANY
Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

AT NEW HAMPSHIRE
Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

AT UMASS LOWELL
Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

VS. VERMONT
Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

VS. HARTFORD
Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

AT HOFSTRA
Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

VS. BINGHAMTON
Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

AT UMBC
Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

WINS

2003	4
2004	11
2005	13
2006	6
2007	9
2008	3
2009	6
2010	10
2011	10
2012	11
2013	6
2014	4

HOME OPENER STATS

18
Shots

8
Corner Kicks

5
Saves

15
Fouls

Women's Soccer aims to overcome youth and turnover

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook women's soccer team is coming off a disappointing 5-10-2 season that saw it miss the America East Tournament and lose its star goalkeeper, Ashley Castanio, to graduation. Despite this, head coach Sue Ryan has refused to lower expectations.

"Our goal is the same every year," Ryan said in a phone interview with *The Statesman*. "To put us in a position to win the America East Championship so we can play in NCAA [tournament] matches."

To accomplish this, Ryan and the program's new coaching acquisitions — Alex Mendolia and Danny Grimes — will have to address a few of the problems from last year. The primary issue was the team's offense, which averaged just one goal per game in 2014 and have struggled to put up goals to start the 2015 campaign, scoring just two in their four games.

"We're still a fairly young team," Ryan said. "[Senior forward Raven Edwards is] now healthy and I think she's going to add to our goal output."

According to the coach, that is not all that will help increase the team's offensive firepower.

"We have some additional new incoming players who can help add to that," Ryan said. "Last year's freshman class getting older and adding some new faces to the crowd that can score goals, between both of those things, hopefully we can get on the scoreboard a little bit more often."

Edwards along with senior midfielder Tessa Devereaux and senior forward Emily Murrer will likely bear the lion's share of the offensive responsibilities. Ryan stressed the importance of her upperclassmen after a season plagued by inexperience.

"I think it's about the upperclassmen," Ryan said. "I think the tone of the team

and the chemistry of the team and the success of the team is really set by the leaders and the upperclassmen."

Experience is not a hard X's-and-O's topic, but Ryan feels it had a real impact and hopes it will be less of an issue this season.

"It's what I call an intangible," Ryan said. "You can't really measure it but it's there and so the experience of traveling to various schools, what kind of surfaces they play on, the experience of the class schedule at a college level and then training and playing games weekly at the same time. Many athletes are used to only one game a week or they're used to two training sessions a week and then they come to a collegiate setting and it's a bit more competitive and their time management is something they really have to work on to be successful. So I think there's a big transition for younger players and so when you have players who have the experience of managing all those things, I think they have a better opportunity to succeed."

Women's soccer went 0-9-1 on the road last season, reflecting the youth issue Ryan spoke about. The squad has ten freshmen on its 28-woman roster this year, as opposed to 13 of its 29 last year.

Offense and youth were not the only problems. Castanio's graduation leaves the team with a hole to fill at goalkeeper, and it is a toss-up between two potential replacements who split time in the second game of the season.

"Right now it's between Emily Doherty, who's a junior trans-

fer and [freshman] Cara Gallagher," Ryan said. "Those two are going to duke it out and right now there's no clear choice. It's still too early in the season to settle on that. There's absolutely no way to replace a fifth year senior with a person coming in, there's just no replacement for that level of experience. And I think both goalkeepers realize that they have big shoes to fill and I think both are in a good place to take on that responsibility."

Goalkeepers will not be the only ones that need to step up. When asked who will surprise this season, Ryan pointed to redshirt junior defender Priscilla Wiggins.

"[She] was injured last year and I think she didn't have a chance to compete and she has worked very hard over the course of the summer," Ryan said. "I think she's going to come back to her original form and it's going to be a big shot in the arm for our team and I think she's going to surprise people by how hard she worked and how much she means to the team."

It will take more than just all this individual talent playing at their best to return to the glory of Stony Brook's 2012 America East Championship.

"I'm pleased so far with their ability to work together. I think they are embracing the competitiveness of the team," Ryan said. "People are fighting for spots but at the same time they're fighting for each other. I feel like that's an important factor in what we have to do. I think the upperclassmen are working very hard to bring the new players into the fold of the team and I also feel that newer players are putting themselves out there and asking questions and fitting in with a lot of the returners."



Women's Soccer won the America East Championship in 2012, led by goalkeeper Ashley Castanio. She graduated in 2014, leaving a void in both experience and good keeping. PHOTO CREDIT: KEITH OLSEN

SCHEDULE

VS. WAGNER Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.	AT HARTFORD Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.
VS. MARIST Sept. 7 at 5 p.m.	VS. ALBANY Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.
AT HOFSTRA Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.	VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.
VS. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.	AT BINGHAMTON Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.
VS. YALE Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.	VS. UMASS LOWELL Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.
VS. FAIRFIELD Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.	AT MAINE Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.
AT VERMONT Sept. 27 at 1 p.m.	VS. UMBC Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.

ASHLEY CASTANIO

CAREER GOALKEEPING RECORD

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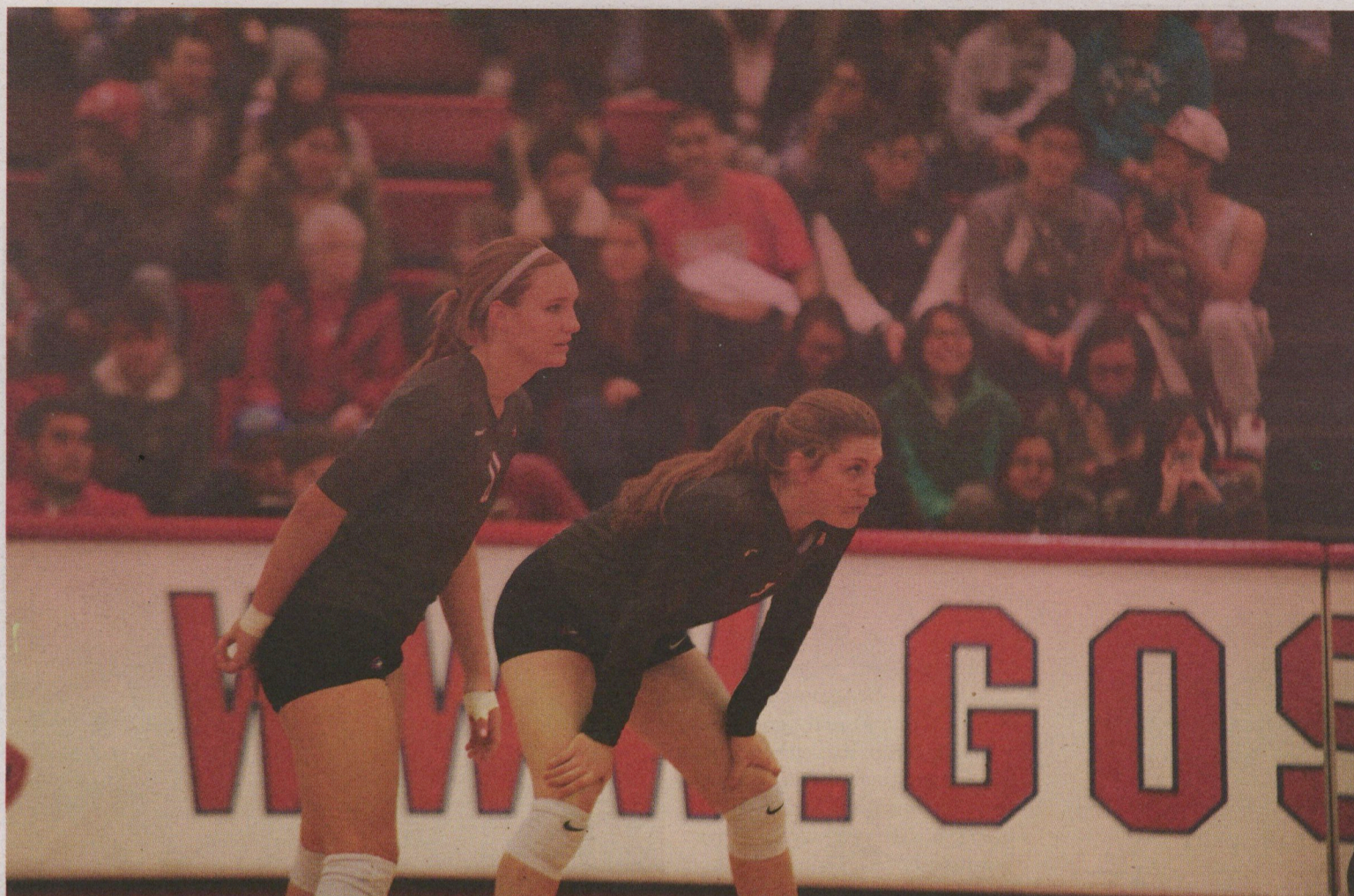
Goals Against Average

6th

Save Percentage

4th

Shutouts



Head coach Coley Pawlikowski's squad won 17 games in 2014, the most they have won since 2007. Even with this renewed success, the team is still looking for their first America East Conference title, led by senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher. STATESMAN STOCK PHOTO

After steady improvements, Volleyball seeks first AE title

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

After its most successful season since 2011, the Stony Brook volleyball team is looking to make the jump to becoming a national contender this upcoming year. But with a schedule stocked with some of the nation's best teams, head coach Coley Pawlikowski and her squad will not be in for an easy ride.

The team finished the Penn State Classic at a 1-2 clip, falling to Villanova and the two-time defending champion Penn State Nittany Lions.

To close out the tourney, the defeated the Buffalo Bulls in four sets.

"[Penn State] is the most winningest team in our country," Pawlikowski said. "They've won at least seven national championships, which is more than any other program. Just for our kids to see that this is no longer what we're aspiring to be, this is the direction that we're going. This is what it takes to get you there and this is what it looks like when you're there."

The Seawolves' tough schedule continues with the LBSU/LMU Mizuno Invitational, where they face Long Beach State and Loyola Marymount. Both programs finished in the top 50 RPI rankings last year, with Long Beach finishing at 28 and Loyola Marymount at 44.

"We're really excited about playing an aggressive schedule this year," Pawlikowski said. "I think that the athletes on our team right now, they will learn from all of our experiences and handle all of our experiences and we're just excited about it."

Although they will be facing tough competition this year, the Seawolves are more than up to the challenge. Returning

this year are senior setter Nicole Vogel, redshirt senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher and redshirt senior libero Lo Hathaway. Vogel and McFadden are coming back to the team after competing in Europe, along with sophomore middle blocker Cydney Bowman.

"My defense definitely got better in Europe," Vogel said. "I got to learn a different role and by learning a different role and let other people go through really will help me be a better teammate to everybody. Then if I end up being put in that role during a game or during practice, I'm better equipped to help everybody out."

Not only will Vogel be relied on for her improved defense, but her leadership qualities as well.

"I want to more or less be a role model with leadership, not so much tell people what to do," the senior said. "If I'm doing something wrong, one of the freshmen should be able to tell that I'm doing something wrong. I want it to be to

the point where I want them to look at me and be like, 'oh okay, that's how I should be, more or less,' not so much as me telling people."

The Seawolves will face these tough teams without key members from last season, including former outside hitter Melissa Rigo. Stony Brook enters the season as one of the top teams in the America East, finishing third in the preseason rankings, behind New Hampshire, who they lost to in the America East Championship last year, and Albany. As with all America East matchups, Stony Brook will face both teams twice next season, facing Albany on Oct. 11 and Nov. 6 and New Hampshire on Oct. 17 and Nov. 13.

After making it to the America East semifinals last year, the Seawolves are looking to finally go all the way. With the team making leaps and bounds in the last two seasons under Pawlikowski, Stony Brook will be looking to capture its first America East title.

SCHEDULE

AT MANHATTAN
Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

VS. BOSTON COLLEGE
Sept. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

VS. MARSHALL
Sept. 5 at 12:30 p.m.

VS. HOLY CROSS
Sept. 5 at 3 p.m.

VS. HOFSTRA
Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

VS. OAKLAND
Sept. 11 at 1 p.m.

VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS
Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.

AT LONG BEACH STATE
Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.

AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT
Sept. 12 at 10 p.m.

VS. RHODE ISLAND
Sept. 18 at 12 p.m.

VS. COLUMBIA
Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

VS. ARMY WEST POINT
Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

AT FORDHAM
Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

VS. UMBC
Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

AT UMASS LOWELL
Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

VS. BINGHAMTON
Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

VS. ALBANY
Oct. 11 at 1 p.m.

AT HARTFORD
Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.

AT NEW HAMPSHIRE
Oct. 17 at 4 p.m.

VS. SACRED HEART
Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

VS. DELAWARE STATE
Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

AT UMBC
Oct. 25 at 1 p.m.

VS. UMASS LOWELL
Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

AT ALBANY
Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

AT BINGHAMTON
Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

VS. HARTFORD
Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

MELISSA RIGO CAREER RECORD

8th
Total Attacks

9th
Kills

EVANN SLAUGHTER CAREER RECORD

10th
Kills

2nd
Block Assists

3rd
Total Blocks

Men's Cross Country adjusting to life without Speakman

By Cameron Boon
Sports Editor

Former cross country runner Eric Speakman ended his legendary Stony Brook campaign with a bang, becoming the first Seawolves runner — man or woman — to earn multiple individual championships in the sport.

Not only is he in elite Stony Brook company by himself, he is only the fifth runner in the history of the America East Conference to have achieved the feat.

So when he graduated in the spring of 2015, Speakman left big shoes to fill on head coach Andy Ronan's team heading into the 2015 season.

"He set a standard, both in the locker room and obviously in the competitions for the people coming behind him," Ronan said.

Now with that veteran experience both on and off the track gone, Ronan will look to other sources for both inspiration and success, something that the team struggled with last season because of the youth on the roster.

"That in itself will make us better, being older and being more mature physically and hopefully mentally," Ronan said. "By all accounts, everyone had a good summer."

That good summer will be crucial to improving the

team's fifth place finish from last season's conference championships. But in all reality, the team was not too far away from third place.

Only 30 points separated Stony Brook from UMBC, which took that finishing spot. The Seawolves finished just a point behind New Hampshire for fourth.

Two runners finished in the top 20 in last season's championship. Along with Speakman, who took home the crown, then-freshman Michael Watts took 17th. Ronan will look to the now-sophomore to be one of the leaders on this year's squad.

"He's a year older and a year more experienced, so I certainly expect him to have a role both in the locker room and on the track," Ronan said. Watts will also bring a unique experience to the roster, as he ran at the USA Junior National Championships out in Oregon with some of the best runners in the country this past summer.

"If you have ambitions to run

against the best in your sport, you have to be exposed to it," Ronan said. "You're going to walk away from that either excited, and wanting to return to that kind of environment, or you're going to walk away saying 'that's not for me.'"

Watts walked away with a hunger for more.

"He wants to go back to the national championships," Ronan said. "He saw how these other athletes performed and came away saying 'I can do the things they're doing.'"

Even though he is a sophomore, an experience like that is very valuable to bring back to a team that may not have been exposed to that at all. The youngster, for that experience alone, will be looked upon to motivate the team to a better finish than they had a year ago.

"If [the runners] want to be successful, they're going to grab onto things that Mike experienced," Ronan said.

But it will not just be the sophomore that the 16th-year head coach and former Irish Olympian will be looking to when it comes to leading this squad.

Mitchell Kun and Chris Sauer, both seniors this season, were names that the coach also brought up to form the "influential threesome" as Ronan called it.



The Cross Country teams, after sweeping the 2012 championships with 14 Men's and 14 Women's titles. Neither team has won a conference title since then, but experience on the women's side and youthful talent on their side are looking to change that in 2015. STATESMAN STOCK PHOTO

Kun struggled with health issues last season, but still posted some respectable results and will look to carry that into this season with a fully healthy body. He led all Seawolves with a 17th place finish at the Wolfie Invitational, an 8k race for the men's team, and placed fifth at the Stony Brook Season Opener a year ago, in which the men's team ran a 6k race.

Sauer is back for his final season as well, but did not post as many races as Kun. In fact, the senior only ran in the conference championships, placing 56th.

While the seniors do not have the credentials that Speakman brought to the team, they have the experience. In the end, however, it all depends on

how many people take what the graduated runner brought to this team and put it into their own routines.

"The ones that want to be successful will pick up on [Eric's routine] and hopefully bring it with them and pass it on to the next group," Ronan said.

Whether it is a youngster like Watts, a more experienced runner like Kun or Sauer, or somebody else that takes the team by storm this fall, the role as model of excellence is now up for grabs with the two-time individual conference champion gone.

It all begins on Sept. 5, when the Seawolves host their Stony Brook Season Opener. The opening gun fires at 10:30 a.m.

Melian, Peck running for last chance at conference title

By Cameron Boon
Sports Editor

Dana Hastie. Lucy and Holly Van Dalen. Olivia Burne. These are just some of the big names that have passed through the Women's Cross Country program in the last few years, with each of them being a part of the six-peat of America East Championships that the team put together from 2007-2012.

Senior Christina Melian is just continuing that tradition, and after a two-season title drought, she is looking to finish her senior season on a high note by leading her team by example on and off the track.

"We've been very fortunate and had a strong presence every year," Head Coach Andy Ronan said. "Christina brought into what they were doing, and she's continuing that tradition as a leader in the locker room and also by her performances."

The senior finished first in the Stony Brook Season Opener, an event that will start off the Seawolves schedule again this year, and culminated her penultimate season as a collegiate track runner by finishing second in the America East Championships, helping her team to a second place finish behind the New Hampshire Wildcats.

Even with this new feeling of not winning every season, the mentality is still the same.

"We can't let New Hampshire's performance last year affect how we approach the season," Ronan said. "Even when we had the streak of six going, we always went into a meet with a feeling that we were underdogs and had to perform each time."

The Wildcats have now won two in a row, and while it is not the six that the Seawolves strung together, it is definitely a change of pace from years past.

While Stony Brook placed four runners in the top 20 of the conference championship, normally a very good number for a team event such as this, New Hampshire ran even better. The Wildcats placed nine of their 11 runners in the top 20, easily running away with the title.

This year, things might not change a whole lot. Only two of the Wildcat runners were seniors, showing that this team could again be the team to beat, giving Stony Brook an uphill battle.

"New Hampshire is a very good team, and they're going to take a bit to be beaten," Ronan said.

Along with Melian, fellow senior Tara Peck will look to lead Stony Brook back to the promised land. Even after injury problems last season, she still ran to a ninth-place finish at the conference championships in Maine last November.

"I think mostly what people in the locker room should be looking at is her performance last season," Ronan said.

She started the season strong, finishing third at the Stony Brook Season Opener and eighth in the Wolfie Invitational. After struggling during the middle of the season, she came back to a strong finish in the America East Championships, a momentum she would like to carry into this season.

"It proved that if you do the work and commit to it, that's the kind of performance you can produce," Ronan said.

Hopefully for the team, that feeling of determination and hard work is contagious, as the four freshmen and six sophomores from last season have gotten a year older and more experienced, creating a better team.

"We can't let New Hampshire's performance last season affect how we approach the season," Ronan said. "We have our own goals and we have to go about our own business."

With big meets at Boston College and prospectively at Louisville later in the year, the Seawolves will definitely be exposed to big-time talent and be shown what it takes to escalate a team to that level.

"I can explain to them what it's like, but the athletes have to get involved in that environment," Ronan said.

The best teacher is experience in the sports world. Exposing these runners to big-time talent will, in the coach's eyes, hopefully create an environment of wanting to work hard and train harder to get that America East trophy back in Stony Brook's hands.

"What the last two results [in the conference championships] should give to the girls is that you have to commit to it," Ronan said.

Lucy Van Dalen committed to it, and she ended up winning an NCAA individual championship in the mile en route to competing in the 2012 London Olympics.

Melian and Peck are looking to run their way into the metaphorical sunset, finishing their careers the way they both started them, with an America East Championship.

SCHEDULE

STONY BROOK SEASON OPENER
Sept. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

WOLFIE INVITATIONAL
Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

COAST TO COAST BATTLE IN BEANTOWN
Sept. 25 at 3 p.m.

ROTHENBURG RUN
Oct. 16

PRE-NATIONAL MEET
Oct. 17 at 10:00 a.m.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT MINI-MEET
Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oct. 31 at 10:30 a.m.

NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Nov. 13

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
Nov. 21 at 12 p.m.

CHRISTINA MELIAN

2013

Sixth at Wolfie Invite

15th in Coast-to-Coast Battle at Beantown

2014

Won Stony Brook Season Opener

Won Wolfie Invite

Second at Princeton Invite

Second at America East Championship

15th at NCAA Regionals

ERIC SPEAKMAN

2011

Fifth in Princeton Invite

Third in America East Championships

25th in NCAA Regionals

2012

America East Individual Champion

America East Cross Country Scholar Athlete

2013

Fifth at CCSU Mini-Meet

Sixth at America East Championship

2013

Won Stony Brook Opener

Third at Princeton Invite

America East Individual Champion



EDITORIAL

With “Together We Transform,” the pressure to perform is on

By The Statesman Sports Editors

When Stony Brook Athletics first joined the realm of Division I sports in 1994, not much was expected of the program.

After some time to adjust, the Seawolves broke through in the conference for the first time in 2002, when Men's Lacrosse defeated top-seeded Albany, followed by a conference baseball crown in 2004 when Matt Senk's squad took down host Maine.

Stony Brook's program was becoming one to notice.

Head football coach Chuck Priore took over in 2006 and within three years, his squad won the Big South Conference. Four years later, the team had four championship rings and a remarkable 21-3 record in the conference with two appear-

ances in the NCAA Division I Football Championship's second round.

Other teams were quick to follow, with Women's Cross Country recording six straight titles between 2007-2012, Men's Soccer taking home a conference title in 2011 and Women's Soccer winning the America East just a year later.

However, since the women's soccer team won the conference in 2012 and then were eliminated by the University of Maryland in the NCAA Tournament, fall sports have failed to win a conference championship.

The reputation of winning was built around the turn of the decade, with the six fall sports teams combining for 12 conference championships from the years 2009-2012. But over the last two years, between the six squads, zero crowns have been won, raising the question of when it will happen again, if at all.

As for football, after a stretch of 21-3 in the conference, the team has put together a less-than-impressive 7-9 mark in their new league, the Colonial Athletic Association. The team has not had its overall record hit .500 over the last two seasons.

Men's Soccer, after reaching double digits in wins for three straight seasons, combined for 10 wins over the last two years, while only making it as far as the America East quarterfinals in 2014.

Head coach Sue Ryan's women's soccer team had its worst season since 2011 last year, recording only five wins and not qualifying for the postseason for the first time since that season as well.

Cross country head man Andy Ronan has had great runners like Eric Speakman and Christina Melian, but neither the men's or women's teams, nor the individuals, have won a

championship since they swept the titles in 2012.

With the ambitions of expanding the stadium, creating a soccer facility and winning NCAA tournament games included in Athletic Director Shawn Heilbron's "Together We Transform" plan, the time to start stringing winning seasons together again is now.

"Together We Transform is more than just the name of our five-year vision, it is the engine that will power our program to unprecedented heights," Heilbron said in a Stony Brook Athletics department news release from June 29.

This envisioning plan, along with winning programs, will succeed the goals that Heilbron has set for the entire Seawolves athletic arsenal.

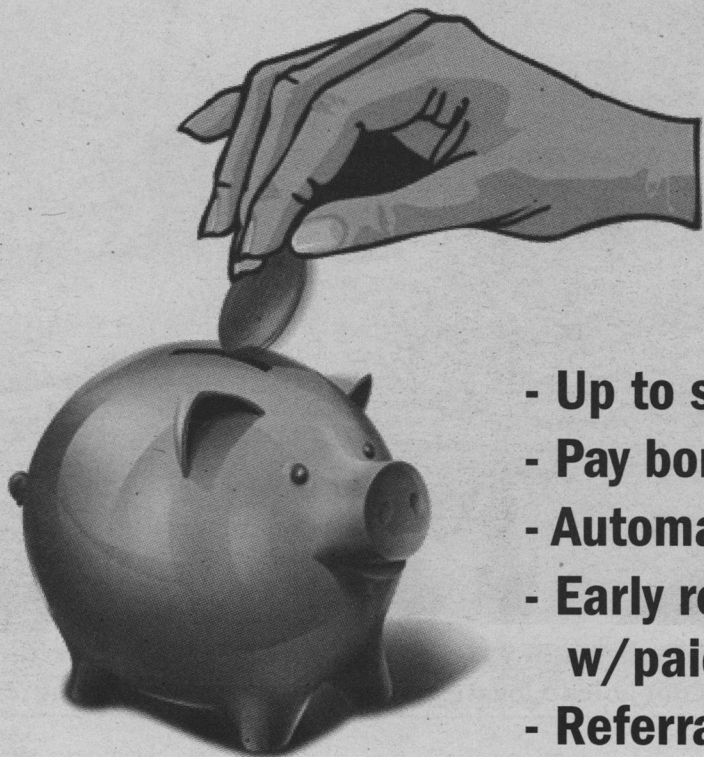
Football is finding stability at the quarterback position after uncertainty throughout the early parts of last season. Both Men's Soccer and Women's Soc-

cer find themselves a year older and more experienced, with youth being a weakness a season ago. Volleyball is beginning to find its way into the meat of the conference again and cross country is cultivating young talent to replace the talent that has left and gone on.

The teams are in a position now to win and end the drought that has existed since the fall of 2012. With a plan in place to put these programs into national spotlights, winning is the first step to creating a top athletic culture at Stony Brook.

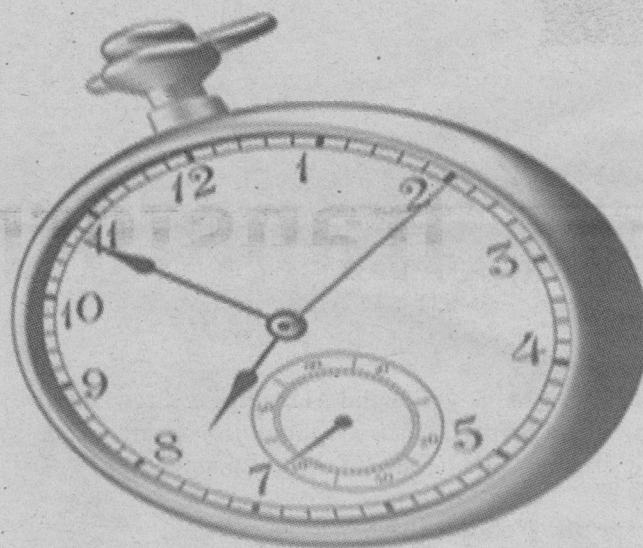
With this new plan in place, Stony Brook's teams need to start making gains so the department as a whole can move up in the realm of NCAA Division I Athletics and getting into better conferences. Winning titles again would prove that the Athletics program is worthy of the new facilities and the upgrades that are outlined in Together We Transform.

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New semester, same old problems



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Due to construction on the pathway leading to the Social and Behavioral Sciences building, Kohut was not able to locate a handicap-accessible route to his class.

By Michael Kohut
Staff Writer

As I'm sure many people did, I spent a good portion of my first day back at Stony Brook catching up with friends in between classes, excited about what another semester would bring. Unfortunately for myself and many other students, it brought untimely repairs to the roads and problems with the IT network.

After leaving an impromptu session of Super Smash Brothers for a 5:30 class, I found out that I could not access my lecture hall on the inaugural day of courses. Construction outside of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building was the culprit, blocking all handicap entrances.

While an email was able to quickly smooth over any potential problems with the professor, the most shocking part of the experience was that it was not

shocking at all.

Back in March, I wrote an article about how the harsh winter made it a struggle to get around campus when snow-clearing efforts often did not allow enough accessibility. That was a serious problem.

This situation is more worthy of a chuckle than anything else. All that is required for a disabled student to get in the building was a navigable pathway, and for all the searching I did around the exterior of the building, I could not find one. How is it that a university with a department dedicated to disability support could be so far behind when it comes to its effectiveness?

On top of my personal accessibility problems, the other issue that welcomed students back from the summer was the SINC site printing blackout that occurred between Monday and Tuesday.

Having no printer access for a large part of two school days is just not acceptable. The SINC sites were working over the summer and for them to go down so early in the semester with no reasoning being made publicly available is unbelievable. While problems with such a large network are certainly to be expected, keeping students in the dark only leads to frustration.

Choosing the beginning of the semester to schedule maintenance outside of the SBS building shows a lack of foresight that caused me great irritation much like the printing outage did for so many students on campus. A bad first impression can really harm a student's perception of the university as a whole and it's my hope that in the future, Stony Brook does more to prevent first day frustrations.

The start of a new college year is stressful enough as is.

Which candidate exploits the polarization of the American population? Deez Nuts.

Zach Rowe
Staff Writer

In the latest sign of the apocalypse, recent polls conducted by Public Policy Polling in North Carolina, Iowa and Minnesota had presidential candidate "Deez Nuts" gaining the support of approximately 9 percent of potential voters.

Deez Nuts was revealed to be a 15-year-old Iowan named Brady Olson, which could make some people feel bad — whatever you did at 15, it was not as impressive as polling at 9 percent in key swing states.

Of course, Olson will not be able to serve as president of the United States due to his immaturity, although that has not stopped Donald Trump yet. The reason he was able to register as

a presidential candidate is due to the Federal Election Commission's low standards, which have allowed the list of declared candidates to be one of the funniest pages on the internet.

There, you can find the filings of legitimate candidates like Hillary Clinton, Marco Rubio, Bernie Sanders and Scott Walker nestled among a sea of ridiculous joke candidates like "Limberbutt McCubbins," "Obi Wan Kenobi" and "Martin O'Malley."

It is scary but not surprising to see Deez Nuts poll so highly. There are always people who will vote for a third party out of principle, and even more who would not be able to resist backing Deez Nuts.

He got onto the ballot by simply asking Jim Williams, who ran

the poll, to be put on. Williams thought "this is something Public Policy Polling would do," and I am happy to say that is a direct quote from Williams.

What really matters about this news saga is that the polarizing political atmosphere of our country today causes people to support Deez Nuts.

This is unfortunate because the next president will probably be either Clinton or whoever wins out of the twelve thousand people running for the Republican ticket — not Deez Nuts. That is more than just unfortunate for your friend who will not stop sharing Bernie Sanders posts on Facebook.

Support for Deez Nuts is a

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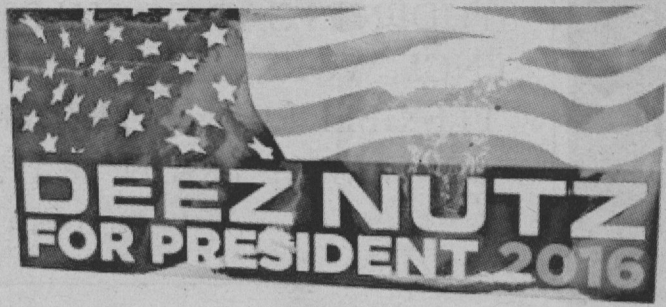
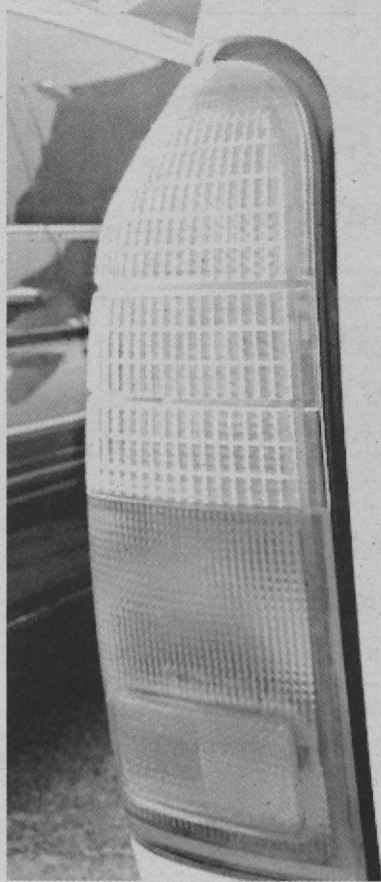


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Deez Nuts is no joke. The fake candidate, created by a teenager from Iowa, has polled at approximately 9 percent in key swing states, enough to earn him a bumper sticker.

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bad sign.

We have become so divided as a nation that we seemed to have lost our ability to respect the viewpoint of the either side. All the curated news feeds and cable TV stations have allowed us to retreat into comfortable holes of confirmation bias, where we solely hear voices

from people who agree with us. If you really looked at what each candidate stands for, you might see that you agree with the other side more than you would think.

We have also lost our sense of healthy debate in this country. Instead of listening to the other side and learning from their perspective, we get more entrenched in our views.

We need to stop looking at

politics as two sides fighting and more as Americans sharing their views to make our country better.

A 15-year-old Iowan has successfully shown the extent of political frustration in the U.S. by giving people a candidate that does not come from one of two camps, and it is bad news. We cannot let Deez Nuts tear this country further apart.

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"Brokehaven" actually a hidden paradise

By Kate Valerio
Staff Writer

As of fall 2014, Stony Brook resorted to housing transfer students at the Dowling campus in Brookhaven as a result of overfilling the available space in campus residence halls.

There is currently a negative stigma attached to the Brookhaven dorms and the students that have to have "BRV-SBU" on their ID cards. I am here to shatter that negativity and show how Brookhaven dorms are actually the best place to live.

I spoke with some past and present Brookhaven residents about what it is really like to live in these off-campus dorms. They told me about the less-than-adequate time they had, but from what they described, it actually sounds amazing.

Many students lament the half-hour bus ride to campus every day, but what Stony Brook has actually given these students is a regularly scheduled time to ponder their life choices. Imagine how much all of our lives would improve if we were actually afforded the chance to sit and ponder what possessed you to sleep with that guy from your roommate's biology class last semester. I know my life choices would get significantly better.

Another "complaint" which students have registered with me is about the food on the Dowling campus and how the dining halls there close at 6 p.m. on weekdays and 5 p.m. on weekends, before most of them return from class. Obviously, Stony Brook is trying to prevent students from getting

fat at college. I can personally attest to the fact that 90 percent of my Freshman 15 was gained after 9 p.m.. I cannot even imagine how this could be misconstrued as a bad thing.

The bus schedule is another concern people have about the Brookhaven dorms. The buses do not run frequently enough to get to and from class at a convenient time. Buses stop running to campus at 4 p.m., and run throughout the day at two hour intervals. But who does not love standing around waiting for the bus? Plus, do you know how good this could be for your calves and quads? Think of all the squats you could do during that time. Get ready to get toned, ladies and gents.

A few students noted that some amenities do not function properly, such as the air conditioners. Unfortunately, I have no sympathy for that one. Most of us do not have air conditioners in the dorms on campus so get comfortable with your roommate and sleep in your underwear.

What I consider to be the best part of these dorms is the nearly non-existent Wi-Fi. At first glance, this may seem like a problem or a mistake, but in reality, it helps the students get in touch with nature and each other without the distraction of constant notifications from your summer friends in a GroupMe chat. It is basically living like Henry David Thoreau did when he went to live in the woods. Stony Brook is trying to breed the next great American poet. But more importantly, you always have a valid excuse for not handing in assignments on time.

Is there really any greater gift than that?

Everyone who complains about the Brookhaven dorms is simply not fully realizing the benefits Stony Brook is trying to bestow on them. Because even if I call them the "Brokehaven" dorms, it still has the word "haven" in it after all.

THE SEXWOLF

The thot club: Hottest, most interesting club on campus

BY KATE VALERIO

I will admit that I am often a little late when joining the bandwagon of the trends of my generation. I can name more R. Kelly songs than Drake songs and I can tell you more about what happened in the last decade's episode of "Friends" than I can about the recent GOP debate. Real talk, I don't even know what GOP stands for.

However, I was recently introduced to the wonderful concept of a thot.

For those who are in still floating in my Love Boat (that's an 80s reference) and don't know, thot stands for "that ho over there." I love this word for two reasons. The first is that I can publish it in the school paper without any problems. The second is that I learned what it meant before it went out of style.

Because of this, a good friend of mine inspired me to create an organization I have decided to call The Thot Club — an elite group of individuals whose unique characteristics make everyone's lives a little more interesting. The Stony Brook Thots take on an even greater pressure to do this when we are surrounded by all these "future doctors" who, let's be honest, can be about as exciting as boiled squid.

Let us review some general qualifications for induction into The Thot Club.

If each side of your neck has ever been dedicated to hickeys from a different person, you're a thot.

If your suitemates have ever seen a different "friend" coming out of your room every morning, you're a thot.

If you've ever asked your friend to wash period blood from your sheets, you're a thot.

If you've hooked up with your roommate and your RA, I'm happy to nominate you as Treasurer Thot.

If you've ever had sex with someone simply because it was National Hook Up Day, you're a thot.

If your friends feel the need to stand in front of you to block you from staring at girls in short dresses, you're just creepy.

If you ever needed more than one hand to count the number of people you made out with at The Bench, you're a thot.

If you leave your booty call to sleep in your roommate's bed while you play "League of Legends" with your friends, you're Vice President Thot.

If your nickname in high school was The Virgin Slayer, you're a thot. You also deserve a Nobel Peace Prize for community service.

If you write about your sex life in a column for the school paper, congratulations, you're President Thot.

For those who would like to apply to The Thot Club, please email your qualifications to my editor at Christopher.Leelum@sbstatesman.com. I'm sure he'd love that. We're still looking for a secretary.



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The Stony Brook housing at Dowling College in Brookhaven, above, has a bad history of student satisfaction, including Wi-Fi problems, long bus rides and lack of food availability.

Offensive struggles continue as Stony Brook is swept in Fairfield Tourney

By David Vertsberger and
Drew Ciampa

Assistant Sports Editor and Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's soccer team dropped a pair of games this weekend at the Fairfield Tournament in Connecticut.

The team concluded its stay in the tournament with a 2-1 loss to the Drexel Dragons, dropping the team to 0-4 on the season.

Drexel scored two first-half goals to take an early advantage and Stony Brook was forced to play catch up.

Junior goalkeeper Emily Doherty played her first full game of the season, recording two saves but allowing two goals.

Drexel freshman forward Shaelyn McCarty scored the first goal of the game at the 37:31 mark off a loose ball at the top of the box.

Just under six minutes later, sophomore forward Imani Walker dribbled down the left side and connected on Drexel's second goal.

The Seawolves outshot the Dragons in the first half 8-6 and recorded two shots on goal of their own, but failed to find the back of the net and went to the locker room without a first-half goal.

Stony Brook had many chances in the latter half, attempting 13 shots with three on goal.

The Dragons only had five attempts with two on goal, but the Seawolves failed to tie the game.

Stony Brook had three shots



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The women's soccer team recorded just two goals over its first four games of the year.

in a ten-second span starting at 57:48, with junior forward Raven Edwards's shot saved and junior forward Lindsay Hutchinson missing two rebound attempts.

Sophomore midfielder Christen Cahill scored Stony Brook's second goal of the season off an Edwards assist at 65:18, but the scoring ended there.

Senior midfielder Tessa Devereaux finished with five shots, one on goal which came with ten seconds remaining in the contest.

Dragons goalkeeper Eve Badana

finished with four saves in five chances.

On Friday, the Seawolves fell in the first game of their two-game Fairfield Tournament to the Central Connecticut Blue Devils by a score of 3-1.

It was another concerning sight for Stony Brook, who failed to establish consistency in any aspect of the game.

The Seawolves once again struggled to find their groove offensively.

The team has now combined to score just two goals in its first four games, while allowing nine.

Before the whistle sounded for halftime, the Seawolves found themselves on the wrong side of a 2-0 deficit.

Desperate for any type of offense, Stony Brook received a penalty kick at the middle stages of the second half.

Edwards was able to capitalize and find the back of the net, giving the Seawolves their first goal of the year and cutting the deficit to 2-1.

Edwards was by far the most active Seawolf of the match, adding five shots to the penalty shot she scored.

She is one of the veterans on this young team and will look to bring this type of energy every night.

Although the Seawolves managed to get on the scoreboard with plenty of time left in the game, they failed to build off of it and went quietly for the remaining time.

Central Connecticut scored another goal late in the game, and this all but put the game on ice for the Blue Devils.

Freshman goalie Cara Gallagher was in net for the Seawolves, finishing with three saves.

With a young keeper playing, it is important for the offense to support the team and help her build confidence.

The Seawolves recorded 14 shots and played disciplined soccer managing to stay on-side the whole game.

Central Connecticut seemed to be running on all cylinders as they turned in solid performances on both sides of the ball.

Junior goalkeeper Nicki Turley let in just the one penalty kick and stopped seven shots.

The Blue Devils also had eight players record a shot, five of which had a multiple.

It has been a rough start for the Seawolves, who will not play again until the end of the week.

The team will play at LaValle Stadium against Wagner College on Friday, Sept. 4.

Wagner is 1-3 on the year, and 1-1 on the road, as Stony Brook looks for their first home win.

Volleyball avenges first two losses to Villanova and Penn State with four-set victory over Buffalo Bulls

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However, Stony Brook's 24 errors were too much to overcome. For most of the match, the Nittany Lions dominated the Seawolves.

Prior to the Penn State match, Stony Brook dropped its season opener in four sets to the Villanova Wildcats on Friday evening.

Stony Brook lost 25-23, 25-22, 18-25, 25-13 in the first game of a weekend tournament at Penn State University.

Fletcher had a team-high 14 kills, a category in which the Illinois native led the team in last season.

She also had a match-high six blocks. Wilson added eight kills, while Amory had seven.

Freshman setter Morgan Kath was the primary person for the job in the match, accumulating 33 assists.

Vogel, who was second-team all-conference last year as a setter, played primarily as a libero against Villanova, registering 15 digs to lead the team.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore outside hitter Allie Loitz, who had a double-double, tallying 17 kills and 12 digs. Senior outside hitter Lauren Carpenter added 12 kills for the Seawolves' Big East foes.

The first two sets were tight-



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The Seawolves took the first seven points of the fourth set, using it to finish off the Bulls Saturday afternoon.

ly contested, with Villanova coming out on top in each of them. In the first set, the Wildcats had a 23-17 lead. Stony Brook cut the margin down to one at 24-23, but Villanova ultimately prevailed.

Set two was the best set aesthetically, with the teams combining for just seven errors. Remarkably, Villanova had just one error of its own, sporting an attacking percentage of .424 in the set as a team.

Stony Brook recuperated in the third set, taking advantage of early service woes from Villanova to take a 19-12 lead.

The Wildcats had four errors with the serve in the set, enabling the Seawolves to win their only set of the night.

However, the Seawolves were unable to use the momentum to

have a successful fourth set, as Villanova dominated to secure the victory and start the Seawolves' season on a sour note. Stony Brook had more errors than kills in the deciding set.

Perhaps the most intriguing thing about season opener in any sport is that it is the first opportunity to see how the coach plans to allocate minutes in the new year. Freshmen Kath, Wilson and Brooks played most of the game in their debuts, while sophomores Amory and middle blocker Cydney Bowman played much more time than they did last season.

Up next for the Seawolves is a game against Manhattan College Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Afterwards the Seawolves travel to Fairfield, Connecticut, where they will play in the Fairfield Invitational.

Men's Soccer avenges last year's season opener defeat to Central Connecticut

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Stony Brook dominated possession again and the defense remained stout, but the difference came in the attacking third.

The team's passing was much crisper, with sophomore midfielder Thibault Duval providing the offensive creativity and dangerous crosses that resulted in excellent chances for Stony Brook in the box.

A goal seemed inevitable, and such prophecy was fulfilled in the 62nd minute.

Duval flashed excellent technical skill in the opposing penalty area which he finished off by serving freshman midfielder Martieon Watson a wide open opportunity in front of goal, which he coolly slotted home to give the Seawolves the only goal they needed to secure victory.

The last 30 minutes were an exercise in defensive attrition for the Seawolves, featuring great play from the defensive back line.

Both teams were able to create chances, but none were threatening enough to require serious goalkeeper intervention, except for a sequence of dangerous corners in the 85th minute resulting in two excellent saves by Orban.

The late minutes had the Blue Devils throwing all they could in attack in a last ditch effort to net an equalizer.

However, the Seawolves were able to successfully park the bus in

a tense ending that featured a set piece opportunity for Central Connecticut from 25 yards out and an 88th minute corner kick for the Blue Devils.

The final whistle blew with Stony Brook taking the 1-0 victory, a quarter of the way to matching last seasons win total.

"Overall I thought it was a really good performance," head coach Ryan Anatol said. "I thought we dominated the first half, you look at having eight shots to their one, we had a bunch of opportunities. After going up one I thought we could have done a better job of closing out the game."

That good performance certainly shows in the statline, as Stony Brook dominated the Blue Devils in just about every phase of the game.

Watson led the way in the shot department with four, but was one of only four Seawolves to put a shot on net.

Sophomore forward Vince Erdei, as well as freshman forward Breno Lustosa, recorded three shots each, with Lustosa hitting the target once.

It was an overarching theme for the Seawolves, as they outshot the Blue Devils 18-12, but Central Connecticut had more shots hitting the target, five to Stony Brook's four.

The Seawolves will face off against Sacred Heart this Monday at 7 p.m.

They will then head to Kentucky to take on the preseason No. 18 ranked Louisville Friday.

SPORTS

First AD Mechow passes away at 87

By Cameron Boon
Sports Editor

Back in 1958, the State University College on Long Island was still very young.

In its second year, the school focused on establishing academics. Then, it was time to build up the athletic program.

One man spearheaded the task of developing the program that still continues today.

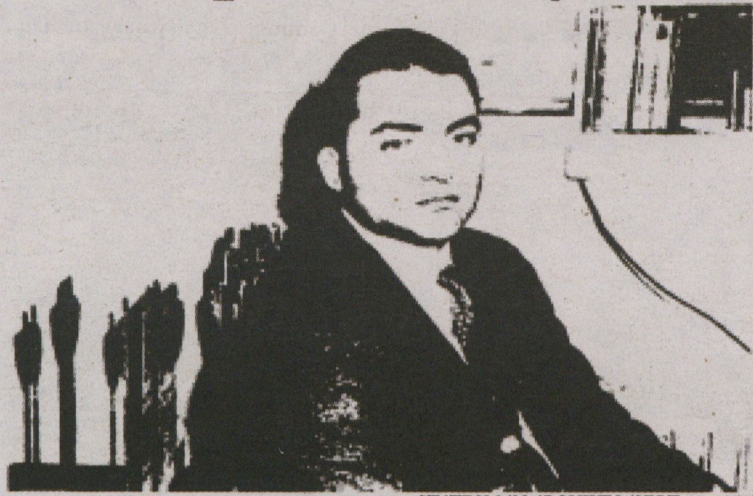
A. Henry von Mechow, the first Stony Brook Athletics Director, played a critical role in the development of what is now Stony Brook University's athletic programs, from intercollegiate to recreational sports and everything in between.

Von Mechow passed away Saturday, Aug. 22 at the age of 87. Along with his role as Athletic Director from 1958-1967, the man many called Hank, was an associate professor in 1970 and was awarded full professor status in 1980 before retiring in 1991.

A man passionate about his school, he was also passionate about his country, serving in the Special Services Unit during the Post War European Occupation.

According to the obituary from the Athletics department, von Mechow was still very involved in teaching even in his older days, as he taught ballroom dancing at Colgate University and Hamilton Adult Education.

He has also been recognized for his efforts, earning a spot in the SUNY Cortland "C" Club Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Stony Brook University Ath-



Henry von Mechow, pictured above, was essential in the development of Stony Brook's athletic programs.

letic Hall of Fame just a year later.

According to older articles in *The Sucolian*, von Mechow, to the delight of many students, spearheaded the opening of the first recreation center at the original Oyster Bay campus.

Much like the current housing situation where students have to travel from Brookhaven to Stony Brook, women had to travel to Brookville, a 12-minute drive, to go to the gym, while men had to make a five-minute trip to East Norwich from the campus in Oyster Bay.

"The building will be a boon to all intramural sports," *The Sucolian* article from April 9, 1959 reads. Basketball, volleyball, badminton and deck tennis were on the agenda, thanks to von Mechow.

In case a student did not know how to play or even what deck tennis was, von Mechow was al-

ways around the recreation center to help students learn. This comfort and trust that the students had in him led to a defense of him in *The Sucolian* in 1959.

Newsday wrote an article critical of him in February of that year, and the paper, along with its students, jumped right to his aid.

"Those of us who were here last year realize more than anyone else the terrific job Mr. von Mechow has done," the article reads.

"We can all show our appreciation by supporting the athletic program, entering the various tournaments, and attending major athletic events."

Outside of the office, he enjoyed travelling, visiting places like Europe, Australia and Antarctica, according to the Athletics obituary. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening, model railroading and spending time with his family.

Volleyball earns first win, taking one of three at Penn State Classic

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The Stony Brook women's volleyball team recorded its first win of 2015 over the weekend, ending the Penn State Classic on a positive note after dropping the first two matches.

The Seawolves defeated the Buffalo Bulls 25-16, 18-25, 25-22, 25-15 in their final match of the tournament in State College, Pennsylvania.

After losing the previous set to even the match at one, Stony Brook could not afford to allow Buffalo to control the momentum of the game. But when the set started, the Bulls looked like they were in control.

A two-point spurt began the set and once Stony Brook had scored its first two, Buffalo answered back with a three-point run.

The Bulls then continued to answer each Seawolves score.

At one point, Stony Brook went on a five-point tear to take a one point lead over Buffalo, but the Bulls came back with a four-point stretch.

Buffalo kept the lead just out of the reach of the Seawolves, but when Stony Brook came back to tie the set at 22, it was anybody's frame.

Senior setter Nicole Vogel's ace spurred a three-point run to end the set with Stony Brook taking it home.

Unlike the third set, the fourth set was completely dominated by the Seawolves. They started the match with a seven-point run led by senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher and

sophomore outside hitter Melann Amory. Buffalo could not cut the lead closer than seven. Stony Brook took the final set 25-15.

Not only were Fletcher and Amory on fire during the match, freshman middle blocker Taylor Wilson and classmate middle hitter McKyla Brooks also had great games. Wilson finished the day with ten kills and three digs. Brooks, a Buffalo native, finished out the game with 13 kills, second-most on the team.

Before they defeated the Bulls, Stony Brook played the two-time defending national champion Penn State Nittany Lions.

Although the team was playing arguably the best team in the country, Stony Brook seemed out of it during the first two sets. They had 11 attack errors in the second set alone and each set ended with a 25-13 scoreline in favor of Penn State.

The third set against the Nittany Lions looked much better for the upset-minded Seawolves. Unlike the previous two sets, it was a back and forth effort between Penn State and Stony Brook.

There were ten ties in the set and four lead changes. However, the Nittany Lions took the set, 25-20.

Fletcher led the way for the Seawolves in the third set with five kills. She had 13 total for the match.

Sophomore outside hitter Melann Amory also had a big set in the third, scoring four of her five kills in the match during this set.

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Watson's goal pushes Stony Brook to opening day win over CCSU

By Zach Rowe
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The Stony Brook men's soccer team opened their season with a 1-0 victory over the Central Connecticut Blue Devils on Friday night at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Both teams showed their early season rust, but Stony Brook finished the victor thanks to its pace and defensive prowess.

"It's a great feeling, starting off slow last year we were determined to come in start a strong new season, so it's really good to start off on a positive note," junior center-back Tavares Thompson said after the game.

The first half was scoreless, however the Seawolves demonstrated greater physical prowess and tenacity, allowing them to dominate in both possession and shots on goal.

From the first whistle, Stony Brook was able to create more chances, generating opportunities by exploiting its advantage in pace with long balls over the top.

However, the first shot on goal was conceded to the Blue Devils following a reckless tackle just outside the penalty box.

It took a fantastic diving save from junior goalkeeper Jason Or-



Freshman Martieon Watson (No. 12, above) celebrates his decisive goal Friday night.

ban to keep Central Connecticut off the score sheet.

The Seawolves were able to settle in soon after, as their defense prevented any further shots in the half.

The team was executing head coach Ryan Anatol's game plan well, building off a stout defense to hold possession and keep the Blue Devils off the scoreboard for the game.

However, Stony Brook was dogged by a lack of technical ability in the attacking third, with the team putting themselves into advantageous positions, but failing to convert into goal scoring chances.

No one better exemplified this than sophomore forward Akeem Morris, who came in during the 21st minute.

Morris was able to exploit the

Blue Devils defense to put himself into great positions to score, only to come away with a yellow card from a handball in the opposing box and a bad miss in front of net.

The second half showed a more dangerous Stony Brook side, as the Seawolves were able to generate more pressure.

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Thurs. Sept. 3
7 p.m. at Toledo

Men's Soccer

Mon. August 31
7 p.m. vs. Sacred Heart

Fri. Sept. 4
7 p.m. at Louisville

Women's Soccer

Fri. Sept. 4
7 p.m. vs. Wagner

Volleyball

Tues. Sept. 1
7 p.m. at Manhattan

Fri-Sat. Sept. 4-5
Fairfield Classic

Fri. 1:30 p.m. vs. Boston College

Sat. 12:30 p.m. vs. Marshall

Sat. 3 p.m. vs. Holy Cross