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\$20 million CAT Awards will boost tech efforts

By Anisah Abdullah
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University has recently received \$20 million in Center for Advanced Technology, or CAT, awards from NYSTAR that will foster new innovations in energy efficiency and biotechnology.

NYSTAR, Empire State Development's Division of Science, Technology, and Innovation, will provide the university with two awards of \$10 million each over the course of 10 years.

One award will fund the creation of a Center for Advanced Technology in Integrated Electric Energy Systems, or CIEES, and the other will provide continued maintenance of the Center for Biotechnology.

Stony Brook won the awards from a competition with ten other centers. The Advanced Energy Center submitted a new proposal for the CIEES, and the Center for Biotechnology re-competed and won as well.

"It was quite an accomplishment," Yacov Shamash, Stony Brook University's vice president for economic development, said.

"The new CIEES will be used to solve practical problems in the energy industry outside of Stony Brook by inventing relevant energy solutions or technologies, but mostly to support SBU as an engine of innovation and economic opportunity," said Benjamin Hsiao, the CIEES director and chair of the chemistry department.

"The center would assist its faculty and students to go out and explore, from collaborations to entrepreneur activities to help them spin off new companies," he said, "as well as foster new business opportunities to generate jobs for local people."

The CIEES will be involved in research collaborations with the Brookhaven National Laboratory and Stony Brook's Energy Frontier Research Center.

Hsiao said that these partnerships will "really amass tremendous expertise and research innovation."

The center will be located in the existing Advanced Energy Center building in SBU's Research and Development Park.

As one of New York's seven original CATs, the 30-year-old Center for Biotechnol-

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The Seawolves Ice Hockey team celebrates a goal in Saturday's game against URI. The night was in honor of former captain Sam Brewster, who was diagnosed with leukemia.

Reports of rape, assault, burglary decrease

By Brittany Bernstein
Contributing Writer

Reports of rape, aggravated assault, burglary, arson and dating violence at Stony Brook University decreased in 2014, while liquor law referrals, drug arrests and drug referrals are on the rise, according to the Annual Security and Fire Report released by the University Police Department on Wednesday.

The Clery Report shows that liquor law referrals were down in 2013 to 178 from 285 in 2012, but have risen again to 210 in 2014. Drug arrests decreased from

40 in 2012 to 15 in 2013, but have risen to 32 in 2014. Drug referrals have reached a three-year high at 171 in 2014, up from 149 in 2012 and 162 in 2013.

While reported rapes on campus had been on the rise in past years—from five in 2012 to six in 2013—reports of rapes decreased in the past year, with a total of two rape reports on campus in 2014.

The number of aggravated assault reports on campus has been halved from eight in 2013 to four in 2014. The number of reported robberies remained stagnant, from two in 2012 to three each in 2013

and 2014. The number of burglary reports on campus has dramatically decreased from 48 cases in 2012 to 25 cases in 2013 and to 24 cases in 2014.

Reports of arson have decreased from two on campus in 2013 to one on campus in 2014.

Dating violence reports on campus decreased from 15 in 2013 to nine in 2014.

No crime was reported on any of Stony Brook University's other campuses—Southampton, Manhattan or Korea—except for one motor vehicle theft at Southampton last year.

Wolfie Tank brings innovation and invention to SBU

By Aleeza Kazmi
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook is having its very own pitch competition, much like ABC's "Shark Tank."

Wolfie Tank will be held on Nov. 2, 2015 in SAC Ballroom B at 5:30 p.m.. The competition gives seven students the opportunity to bring their ideas and inventions in front of a panel of judges who can offer them advice—and possibly an investment opportunity.

Students can apply to participate online until Oct. 9. The application requires that the student submit a description of the idea, the problem they are solving, the target market and an explanation of why they are coming to the pitch night.

The university's new Innovation Lab, located in Harriman 210, is organizing the competition. Everyone is free to watch Wolfie Tank, as long as they RSVP online through the Innovation Lab's website.

The creators of the competition are Samiha Shakil, a senior engineering sciences major and staff member of the Innovation Lab, and David Ecker, the director of the lab.

"We wanted to do something that would be a showcase event that would really document and show what we have been doing in the [Innovation] Lab," Ecker said.

After going to watch a LaunchPad

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Stony Brook students witness rare supermoon lunar eclipse

By Taylor Ha
Contributing Writer

Crowds of people congregated on the rooftop of the Earth and Space Sciences building to witness a rare phenomenon last Sunday night—a supermoon in combination with a lunar eclipse.

A supermoon occurs when the full moon is closest to the Earth—an event known as perigee. Because of its proximity, the moon appears 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter in the sky than a moon that is not at perigee. A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth travels between the sun and the moon, causing Earth's shadow to obscure the moon for more than an hour, according to the NASA website.

The combination of these two events occurs once every few decades. The last supermoon lunar eclipse happened in 1982, and the next one will not occur until 2033.

This lunar eclipse was only visible to those in North and South America, Europe, Africa and parts of West Asia and the eastern Pacific.

Stony Brook University's Japanese Student Organization, or JSO, and the Astronomy Club collaborated together to host a moon viewing in honor of this event.

"Since they're actually celebrating the Japanese lunar festival, Tsukimi, we thought it would be great to do it tonight because of the lunar eclipse," Tyler Cohen, the president of the Astronomy Club, said.

A maximum of 100 people were allowed on the rooftop at a time. About 450 people RSVP'd that they would be attending the moon viewing, according to the Facebook event page. Escorted by club members, spectators rode an elevator up to one of the building's highest floors. In a room near the elevator, JSO members served handmade daifuku mochi, a Japa-



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A merge of photos of the supermoon during the beginning, middle and end of the lunar eclipse, on Sunday, Sept. 27.

nese rice cake usually stuffed with sweet filling, and explained the meaning of the Japanese moon festival to guests. Then moon viewers climbed a flight of stairs to the main attraction.

Guests propped their arms on the rooftop railings draped with red and white Christmas tree lights, waiting for the supermoon eclipse, which

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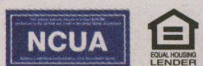


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Students gather on the steps of the Earth and Space Science building to watch the lunar eclipse on Sept. 27.

Supermoon eclipse viewings on campus draw students, local residents

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lasted one hour and 12 minutes. Others viewed the moon through Celestron 8-inch telescopes, snapped pictures of the historic event and viewed live streams of the moon.

"I think it's very interesting and awesome for the Astronomy Club [and JSO] to put on events like this where you're actually legally allowed to go on top of a roof of a building on school campus," Ashley Taylor, a junior computer engineering major, said.

Students were not the only guests on the ESS rooftop. Mary Bernero, head curator of undergraduate biology, also attended the moon viewing.

"I think it's a really great idea to have this on campus so those of us who work here and go to school here can come see this with the telescopes," she said.

Greg Rossi and his 8-year-old son John, residents of nearby Centereach, joined the festivities as well.

"I was reading Newsday online, and I stumbled across the link," Rossi said. "And I said to myself, 'this is gonna be a perfect opportunity for my son to be a part of history.'"

After they explored Stony Brook University's campus the day of the supermoon lunar eclipse,

John peppered his father with "500 questions."

"Every five minutes, he was asking me how long, how long, how long... This is a night that he's gonna remember for the rest of his life, and so am I," Rossi said. "And it's not gonna happen again until 2033, which is 18 years from now."

Hundreds of students elsewhere on campus viewed the supermoon lunar eclipse, including on the dewy recreational fields. Student Chris Stubenrauch—with help from the Dean of Students Office, University Police, campus security and other management staff—organized another moon viewing. Over 1,200 students signed up for the event on Facebook. Students were directed to leave as a group from H Quad at 9 p.m. and head for the recreational fields together, according to the Facebook event page.

"I think it's a really cool event, no matter where you view it because this really brings people together, and I also think the human race in general should learn more about the stars, the cosmos, to pursue deeper thinking, rather than following people like Kim Kardashian around," Katherine Wei, freshman business major and moon-viewer on the recreational field, said. "Thinking about this and looking at the stars makes us forget about our problems for a while because the universe is so big."

Companion app provides increased safety

By Jakub Lewkowicz
Contributing Writer

The Companion application, a new addition to the mobile security realm, came out just three weeks ago and has already gathered over half a million users, becoming one of the most downloaded iPhone apps this month.

The app utilizes various smartphone features to help a chosen friend or family member track an app user's journey through campus and contact authorities in case of emergency.

A student traveling from one side of campus to the other at midnight can choose a few friends to watch his or her progress. By using GPS and built in-sensors, the app can track the person's exact location and recognize whether the phone starts unexpectedly rapidly moving. The sensors can tell if the person starts running or if the phone is dropped. The app then asks whether the user is OK, and if he or she does not respond within 15 seconds, the contacts tracking the user are notified.

"Companion is different than other apps because of the sensors," Lexie Ernst, co-founder of the Companion app, said.

Companion is not the first mobile security app. Over the past few years, various campuses started using similar security apps such as EmergenSee, CampusSafe and many more that put the user in contact with local authorities with the click of a button.

"Anything that gets you closer to the police keeps you safe. With the press of a button they know you're in distress," Eric Olsen, assistant chief of police at Stony Brook University, said.

The makers behind the app, a group of college students from the University of Michigan, originally intended the app for use on campuses.

"We wanted to put our heads together to improve security and give every college student the peace of mind," Ernst said.

Since then, the app has exploded in popularity and can now be used in any situation. For example, parents can monitor their kids as they go to the bus stop in the early hours of the morning. Family members can see if their elders are OK. With Companion's international capabilities, and professionals can use the app in bustling cities.

The app can also keep authorities aware of which areas need the most

surveillance. In a written statement, the Companion team said it encourages users "to better their communities by indicating areas where they feel nervous."

The data will then be passed on to campus security in order to make those areas safer.

"I believe this is the future of security," Ernst said. "We all have phones glued to our hands, and phones are basically our appendage at this point."

Meanwhile, Stony Brook University currently offers SB Guardian for free. Olsen said SB Guardian is "underutilized by students and community," but now that the service has turned into a highly accessible app this year, more people will probably download it on their phones.

The University Police have worked with SB Guardian for the past four years and have no plans to work with another app as of now, Olsen said.

"It's like having a blue light phone in your pocket," Olsen said, referring to the phones that are scattered around campus and will place the user directly in contact with authorities. "We'll be able to know your exact location."



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The Companion app uses GPS and built in-sensors to help chosen friends or family members track an app user's exact location. University of Michigan students created the app.

Innovation Lab sponsors pitch competition searching for inventions

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pitch night in Huntington over the summer, Shakil saw that this was something that could be done at Stony Brook.

"We saw we could definitely do an event like this at Stony Brook, where students who have ideas and need feedback could get it from people who were in the industry," she said.

While there have been other entrepreneurship competitions in the past, such as "The Social Entrepreneurship Competition" and "Stony Brook Entrepreneurs Challenge," Wolfie Tank differs from them in a number of ways. For starters, there is no cash prize.

"Wolfie Tank is an actual place where pitches can be given

to judges and feedback can be given back, without any award," Ecker said.

Wolfie Tank is also unique because ideas are being accepted in all stages of development. Other competitions on campus have encouraged students to enter with ideas that are highly developed and maybe even have prototypes.

"I think it's cool too that we are accepting all different stages of the product," said Morgan Kelly, a senior majoring in applied mathematics and technological systems management and a technical student assistant for Wolfie Tank. "We are just offering this to anyone who has an idea and they just need some feedback on that."

The creators of Wolfie Tank said they want the competition to be a fun environment, placing

an emphasis on the learning and networking benefits.

"We kind of have a fun environment in the lab, and we want to translate that to the event," Shakil said.

The judges of the competition are entrepreneurs themselves. Paul Trapani is the vice president of LISTnet, one of the sponsors of the event, and will also be judging the competition.

"I will be looking for how well they thought out some of the business issues," Trapani said. "The numbers are usually way off. They either grossly overestimate the money they will need or grossly underestimated."

A major red flag, Trapani says, would be "someone looking for money. They have an idea but just want to sit back and get rich."

Andrew Hazen, co-founder

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Stony Brook students can RSVP to watch Wolfie Tank on Nov. 2 through the Innovation Lab's website, above.

and CEO of Wolfie Tank sponsor LaunchPad, is another judge. "This is the time to go out and surround yourself with mentors," Hazen said,

pointing out the importance of exposing students to entrepreneurship. "The lessons they can learn now are so valuable."

Under the Microscope: Research team tackles global issue of clean drinking water

By Kenneth Wengler
Contributing Writer

For years, scientists and politicians around the globe have concerned themselves with the humanitarian task of providing clean drinking water to all humans regardless of their social status or where they live. A scientist right here at Stony Brook University has taken this task head on and believes he can solve this global problem.

Benjamin S. Hsiao, a professor in the Department of Chemistry at Stony Brook University, and his research team have recently developed two techniques for purifying drinking water that are both sustainable and affordable.

Hsiao believes that all humans deserve to have clean drinking water.

"Water is the basic human right, and energy is to have a better standard of living," Hsiao said. "Without water you'll die. Without energy, it's not so convenient. Without information technology, it's not so convenient either."

In Hsiao's research, he always keeps in mind the large portion of society in the developing world that struggles with obtaining clean drinking water and has tailored his research to those who live off the grid. It is estimated that 1.3 billion people in the world do not have access to electricity, while 1 billion do not have access to clean drinking water.

"In order to provide affordable sustainable water solutions to people who live off the grid, very, very poor, the bottom of the pyramid in society, you have to come up with sustainable solutions," Hsiao said. "Energy or electricity are a premium. Not everybody can afford it, especially if

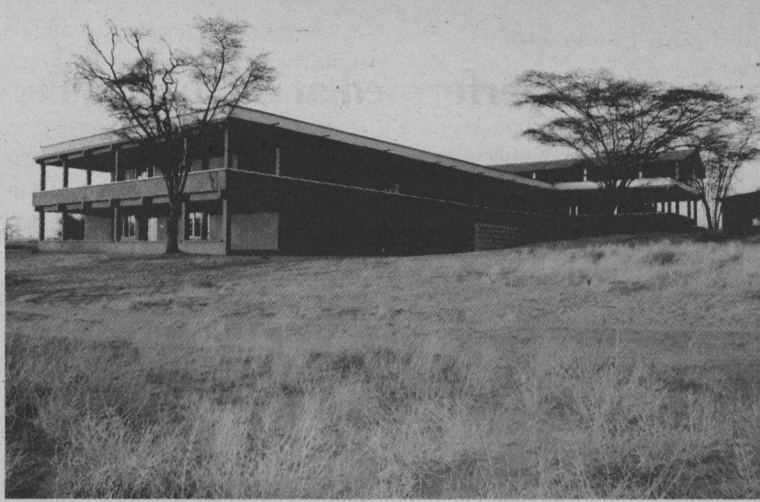


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A team is researching possible solutions to provide drinking water at the Turkana Basin Institute, above, in Kenya.

you live off the grid and the chance for them to get this grid service is very, very low. This problem is very notable in Africa, in South America, and in parts of Asia."

To overcome the challenge of providing clean drinking water to people who live off the grid, Hsiao has worked to harness the power of free energy and combined it with materials that can filter water quickly and without much energy.

"I'm interested in how exactly the relationship between structure and permeability," Hsiao said. "So my objective is to find the best structure with the highest permeability. With high permeability, you can purify water at a much faster rate. If you can make things move much faster, then that means you can use much less pressure or much less force; it's easier to push through. And if pressure is related to electricity, which not everybody can afford, that means if I have a highly permeable

membrane, I can harvest some low pressure techniques."

To accomplish this goal, Hsiao and his team have turned to two forces that he believes will be around for a long time to come.

"There are two forces that are absolutely free to us: one is gravity, one is temperature difference by solar or waste heat," Hsiao said. "So I'm trying to harvest two of such energy resources to try to demonstrate that we can provide affordable and sustainable methods to purify drinking water."

Hsiao has already made great strides in taking the challenge of improving access to clean drinking water, and he continues to further his research to make it even cheaper and more accessible.

"I'd like to use the most advanced materials to build the most robust means, with very little moving parts, very easy to maintain, to harvest drinking water," Hsiao said.

Campus Briefing: USG senate approves Cheerleading Asset Grant Act

By Chereen James
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government senate approved the Cheerleading Asset Grant Act, the Taiko Tides Appropriations Act and the Men's Lacrosse Appropriations Act on Thursday evening.

USG Executive Vice President Krisly Zamor began the meeting with a minute of silence to acknowledge the victims of the shooting that occurred on Oregon's Umpqua Community College campus earlier that day. After that moment, Zamor continued the meeting according to the agenda.

USG Treasurer Taylor Bouraad explained that the Cheerleading Asset Grant Act of 2015 allows the Cheerleading team to apply for an asset grant in order to purchase new uniforms for its growing membership. In 2013, the Cheerleading team received an asset grant of \$5,913.54 to purchase uniforms for the team.

Team members approached the Grant Committee this semester to apply for another asset grant, but the committee found them ineligible to apply. Under the USG financial bylaws, the team has to wait six semesters to apply for another asset grant as the 2013 asset grant was

over \$4,000. Only four semesters have passed since the allocation of the grant.

Sen. Alexander Bouraad expressed concern regarding allowing teams to make appeals that temporarily suspend the financial bylaws.

He said that by "temporarily suspending parts of the financial bylaws, that shows to clubs and organizations that we have that ability and that we are willing to bend the rules for certain clubs and not others."

Treasurer Bouraad explained that each appeal is made on a case-by-case basis and told the senators to take the senate's standards from previous years into consideration.

She said "during the budget hearings last year—you guys know I was a budget committee senator—for almost every club that applies for new uniforms without looking at their history, we said we're gonna cut uniforms from your budget because you can apply for an asset grant."

She added that there may have been miscommunication or that the Cheerleading team had a lack of education on the new financial bylaws.

Sen. Bouraad that the Cheerleading team's 2013 executive board should have taken the team's growing numbers into consideration when it applied for the grant in 2013.

"Every time somebody comes and asks for more money, we are constantly under, we scrutinize them if they try to allocate for more that what they need at that time," Senator Tara Shinasi said in response to Sen. Bouraad's statement. "So I don't think that they could account for potentially having more members in the future."

Treasurer Bouraad noted that USG is supposed to help clubs function. The senate approved the Cheerleading Asset Grant Act with a vote of 12-2-5. The Cheerleading Asset Grant Act is valid for two weeks.

Taiko Tides, a traditional Japanese drumming club, requested a line budget, and after several budget hearings, the budget committee determined that \$1,644.39 should be allotted to the club. Sen. Maximilian Shaps, who is a member of the budget committee, said that there is full confidence that Taiko Tides will be able to fulfill its mission statement and that the club will use the budget that was granted to it. The senate approved the Taiko Tides Appropriations Act by a unanimous vote.

The Men's Lacrosse Appropriations Act granted \$3,425 to the Men's Club Lacrosse team. The senate unanimously approved the act by a standing vote.

Police Blotter

On Monday, Sept. 21, a cellphone was reported stolen in the Earth and Space Sciences building. The case remains open.

On Monday, Sept. 21, a woman who was slurring her words was transported to the University Hospital emergency room from Hendrix College. Police issued a student referral.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, police arrested a driver on suspicion of leaving the scene of an accident at Tabler Quad.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, a patient at University Hospital allegedly pushed and injured a hospital employee. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, five individuals were allegedly caught smoking marijuana in Tabler Quad. Police issued two student referrals.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, individuals in Kelly Quad were allegedly caught smoking marijuana. Police issued one student referral.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, needles were reported stolen from the University Hospital. Police located and arrested the suspect.

On Friday, Sept. 25, a man reported that his bike had been taken from Wagner College. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, a university parking tag was reportedly taken from a vehicle on campus.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, University Hospital employees reported that a former patient was harassing them by phone. The case remains open.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

CAT program to help fund Stony Brook tech efforts

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ogy will use its \$10 million award to continue its efforts and innovations.

Clinton Rubin, the director of the Center for Biotechnology, said in an email that the funding will "help faculty think of their basic science as potential technology-in-the-making, and help industry consider work at SBU as worthy of investment for growth."

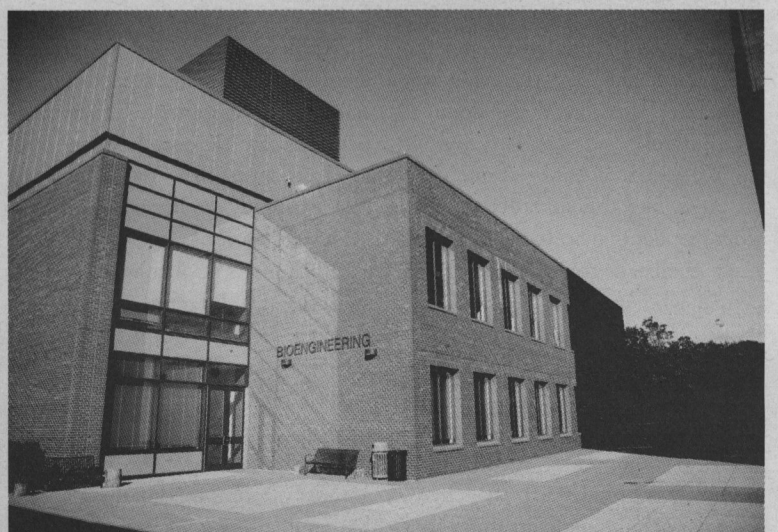
Since its establishment, the center has been involved in over 396 early stage research projects with more than a dozen technologies becoming com-

mercially available products, according to the Center for Biotechnology website.

With the addition of the CAT in Integrated Electric Energy Systems, Stony Brook will now own three out of the 15 CATs located in New York State.

"This is really a gateway to connect outside industries to the university faculty and students," Hsiao said.

NYSTAR has funded all three Centers for Advanced Technology at SBU. Rubin said that the funding for the Center for Biotechnology "represents the foundation support for our technology development and education programs."



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The Center for Biotechnology, in the Bioengineering Building, above, received \$10 million from NYSTAR.

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The Harlem Globetrotters return to IFCU Arena

On Saturday Oct. 3, the Harlem Globetrotters performed at the Island Federal Credit Union Arena and celebrated the team's 90 year anniversary.

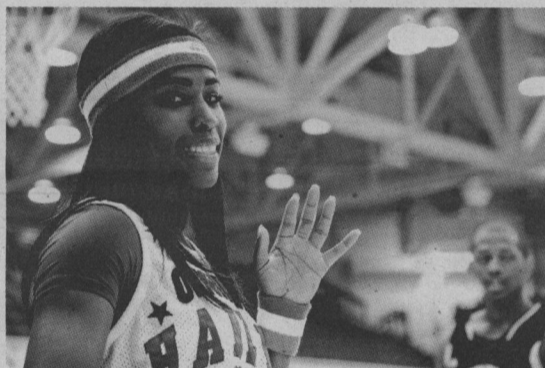
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Globetrotter Ant (above, right) took the phone of an audience member during the game and took a selfie with all of the fans behind him.



Firefly (left) and audience member Alex Gonzalez (right) dancing to the YMCA.



TNT (above, left) is one of the two women who are currently on the Globtrotters roster.



For the first half of the game, the Globetrotters sported throwback uniforms.

Bull (center) sinks a basket during the second half of the game.



Ant (right) engaging with the crowd after splashing them with water.



12-year-old Matthew Schaefer (above) got a front row seat to the event. He and his siblings held up signs during the game.



11-year-old Cameron Tyburski (above, left) does a victory dance with Firefly (above, No.3) after Tyburski scored a shot.

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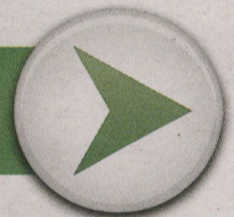
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Circus Club is coming to town

By David Pepa
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook students may often notice the people outside of the Staller Center walking on tightropes, juggling and doing back flips.

Students are witnessing the Stony Brook Circus Club.

Kevin Paray, also known as "The Unicycle Guy," founded this new club three years ago.

Zane Sterling, the president and co-founder of the club and a sophomore Computer Science major, said "We hope to live up to their clown-sized shoes and create a place for anyone to come hang out and practice the circus arts."

The Circus Club recently became an official club.

"Towards the end of last semester, we started discussing becoming an official club to get some slacklines for the community that wouldn't graduate with their owners," Sterling said. "At the time, Kevin Paray was also looking into starting the Circus Club, which had died off in the last few years."

Paray and Max are the de facto leaders of the slackline community on campus.

The two have decided to meld their two clubs together with the hope that it would increase their chances recognition and funding from the Undergraduate Student Government.

The club's goal is to have people who take interest in the circus arts come together in order to meet new people with similar interests and have fun.

The current members of the circus club have all joined for various reasons.

Circus Club members practice the art of the circus, and some students even bring their own equipment to use.

The members juggle balls, clubs and rings as well as ride unicycles, contact juggle, perform on slacklines and dabble in Diablo (also called Chinese yo-yo) and devil sticks.

"In fall of 2012, myself and a few other people got together and talked about making a club," Paray said. "We all had various skills, I had started unicycling my freshman year here, fall 2010."

Some of the members joined the club because it can be beneficial to them.

For many members, joining the club is a way to de-stress



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Zane Sterling, above, attempts new tricks on the slack line in front of The Melville Library. Slack lining differs from tight roping because the line stretches and bounces.

after classes. Sterling, for example, uses this club as a fun way to have his exercise.

"I find that going to the gym can be pretty boring, so it's good to have a way to work out," Sterling said.

Some members even use the

club time in order to unwind after a long day or week of studying. For them, it is a fun way to relax and have fun.

The Circus Club has yet to have any performances on Stony Brook campus.

However, they plan on to put

on events at the community theater and the Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

For those who have an interest in the circus arts or those who need a fun way to exercise, the Circus Club is a unique way to do it.



Tiana Grgas, above, a member of the circus club balances a juggling ball on her knuckles. Origins of juggling was found in ancient Egypt.



Circus club member Miles Todaro, above, practices his yo-yo skills during a club meet up outside of The Melville Library.



Freshman James Haggerty, above, is a new member of the circus club this semester. Haggerty practices his unicycle skills at a club meet up.



Joshua Meyers, above, practices juggling. Along with being involved in the circus club, Meyers is also the president of the math club.

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Rap trio 'Brown Boy Squad' is spicier than sriracha

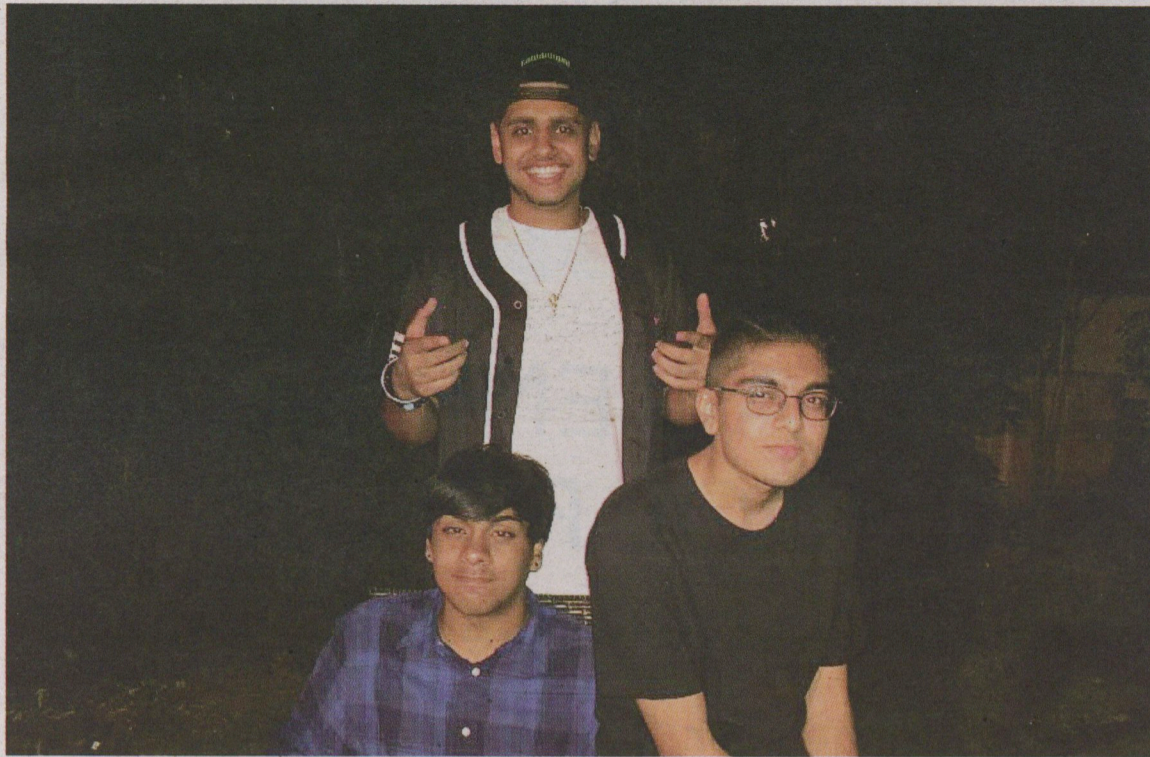


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Amrit Dhillon, top, Asad Jung, left and Saquib Ansari, right, have been friends since middle school. Their mixtape, "Motherland Dirt" will be released on Oct. 10.

By **Rena Thomas**
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Three homies from Hicksville are redefining the rap game. BBS, otherwise known as Brown Boy Squad, takes beats crafted in a bedroom closet and rhymes rapped in a bathroom, and compiles the two into what they describe as "defining and different."

Middle school friends Saquib Ansari, a sophomore from Baruch

College, Amrit Dhillon, a biology major from Stony Brook University, and Asad Jung, a sophomore from Fordham University make up the "Brown Boy Squad."

Ansari, also known as "Swad-beats," started spinning in the tenth grade as a hobby, making beats in his bedroom.

When he invited his two friends Dhillon and Jung over one day, the two began rapping over his beats and the Brown Boys were born.

"We all bring something different to the table," Ansari said, "Asad is into Indian classical poetry and Amrit is more into hardcore rap."

Ansari is a self-taught producer for the group, dedicating hours after school to mixing beats.

"There was a period of two or three years that he wouldn't leave his house," Jung said, "Then we found out that he would go home just working on his beats from going to school then going home. He kind of

digs isolation, no one ever thought he was working on beats, but now we see the result of it."

The group first gained notice when the song "The Memorial" circulated around the halls of Hicksville High School.

The group produced the song as a comeback to another rap group's song dissing the Brown Boy Squad.

"That song overshadowed the other person's who made it about us. You couldn't go around the school without someone bringing it up," Jung said, "We didn't really wanna do any more diss tracks, we kinda just wanted to make good music."

Today, the group produces music that is fun and inspirational without trying to preach.

With inspirations like rapper Kendrick Lamar and Heems, an Indian rapper from Queens. They try to bring a message across in their music.

The goal is to get their fans to give the songs a few listens to understand the meaning behind the lyrics and never take themselves too seriously.

They tie in their roots and culture, like in their new song "Little Indians," which plays on their Indian-American culture and what being "brown" means to the, with lyrics like "Bless ya brownness and don't try to stain it."

"There's sort of a caste system that used to be apparent in India," Jung explained, "With that caste system there was a stigma of people

with a darker skin color. I talked a lot about embracing your brownness and me being a dark brown dude I guess I just had a personal attachment."

Dhillon said he does not like to force the message because he feels it is corny and does not want to be fake. Rapping is therapeutic to him and has helped him through life when he was in a dark place.

"People always ask are we trying to be famous," Dhillon said, "I say 'I guess' but deep down, as of right now I'm having fun with this, helps me deal with everything, and if I am doing it for my friends I don't see why not."

From their basement to Stony Brook, the group said a major goal for the group is to perform at Roth Regatta as one of their first live performances. Their mixtape titled "Motherland Dirt" is coming out Oct. 10 on SoundCloud, featuring "Little Indians."

"BBS is gonna blow up one day," drummer Louie Sposato of the bands Oh Scatter Brained Me, Cancerous and Tragedy In Numbers said. "They don't stop, they are always writing and trying to create music with meaning, not just noise about drugs or alcohol."

Ansari said they have crafted the mixtape with so much energy and so much of themselves in each song.

"In Tenth grade we were always like 'We are gonna do this,' Dhillon said, "It is pretty cool how we are making it happen."

Sing your stress away at KTVING Karaoke

By **Alex Blanc**
Contributing Writer

Can you sing? Better yet, do you think you can sing? Why not test it out at the newest and closest karaoke place in town?

KTVING Karaoke is a new way to spend a night with friends.

"I feel that there's not many places around our campus that embrace college students," senior chemistry major Tyler Rowe said, "I am definitely interested."

KTVING offers private luxurious rooms for guests to belt out those high notes.

The facility takes a new spin on karaoke. The idea of private karaoke rooms, also known as "karaoke boxes," originated in Asia.

Karaoke then spread to places like Toronto, Los Angeles, San Francisco and now, Stony Brook.

With brand new touch-screen systems, the intuitive software will allow customers to choose between an extraordinary amount of song options across a wide variety of genres and languages from around the world.

Know some famous songs that are not in English? The good news is that KTVING is bound to have them.

KTVING also offers billiards, like pool and darts, outside of its private rooms.

If your friend is butchering "Don't Stop Believing," you might want to

take advantage of that luxury.

So far, KTVING is doing very well, and KTVING representatives ask their customers to come by to see what it is all about.

The price rate for a party of eight is only \$25 for an hour of singing and fun.

This place really gives the Stony Brook community something new and exciting to experience.

Students do not want to miss out before it becomes the most popular place around campus.

The owner of KTVING karaoke, Wang Liu is also planning on opening an Asian Kitchen and Grill restaurant adjacent to the karaoke club.



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Karaoke originated in Japan. In Japanese, karaoke combines "kara" meaning "empty" and "oke" meaning "orchestra."

According to Liu, this will enable their customers to enjoy a meal along with a great time out with friends.

The opening of the restaurant will also mean that KTVING will start serving alcohol.

However KTVING will always provide a family-friendly environment, great for all ages.

The hours of operation of KTVING Karaoke are everyday from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

It is located on 2545 Middle Country Road in Centereach.

Take a study break or after-test retreat with friends and sing your heart out American Idol style at KTVING karaoke.

McDonald's offers all-day breakfast



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McDonald's will be serving breakfast all day starting Oct. 6.

By **Katarina Delgado**
Contributing Writer

When customers demanded it, McDonald's expanded it. Starting on Oct. 6, 2015, all McDonald's will serve breakfast all day.

"All Day Breakfast is the number one request we hear from customers," the company's press release said. "In fact, more than 120,000 people tweeted McDonald's asking for breakfast throughout the day in the past year alone."

Nick Gonsalves, a business major, says he heard about the change and is excited for it, having experienced the disappointment of missing the 10:30 a.m. breakfast cut-off. Unfortunately, the menu will be limited.

Depending on the local market, the menu will have McMuffin or Biscuit options.

The Stony Brook location has already been serving breakfast all day. This location's menu focuses on the McMuffin.

"I'm a little nervous," Ray Server, the Stony Brook McDonald's manager, said about serving breakfast after 10:30 a.m. "We have never done this before. But it's a good thing. The customers are excited about it."

Server did not disclose any secret menu items, but several online sources offer creative suggestions for secret menu possibilities. One possibility on the secret menu includes the McCrepe.

The McCrepe is a combination of classic McDonald's hotcakes and parfait.

With some imagination and an empty stomach, the secret McDonald's menu items are now possible anytime.

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Don't be fooled—Ben Carson knows how to operate on an audience



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Dr. Ben Carson, above, is a famous neurosurgeon-turned-presidential candidate. He is currently sitting right behind Donald Trump in some Republican candidate polls.

By **Skyler Gilbert**
Contributing Writer

Someone should ask Ben Carson if he eats bamboo, because he sure knows how to pander.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom-winning neurosurgeon is now neck-and-neck with front-runner Donald Trump in the Republican presidential primary polls, positioning himself as a Washington outsider that thinks before he speaks and is more electable than the aforementioned business mogul. How is he doing it?

By playing dumb.

Keep in mind that this guy is one of the greatest brain surgeons to ever live. In 1985, he became the youngest pediatric neurosurgery director in the history of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 1987, he worked 22 consecutive hours and became the first man ever to separate twins conjoined at the head. In 2015, he said that Islam, as a religion, is incompatible with the Constitution, and that he “would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation.”

Wait, what?

Yes, in another one of his tireless efforts to appeal to the GOP right-wing base, he instilled the feeling of Islamophobia in his party and blatantly lied about the Constitution. Article VI of the document says “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.” But enough with the facts. Carson knows plenty well what the facts are, but instead wishes to exploit the stupidity and bigotry of many in our nation by making outlandish, hateful comments to increase his poll numbers.

The verdict? Effective. Car-

son's support was ten percent behind Trump in the last national poll taken before the comment. After the comment? Trump's lead over Carson shrank to one percent.

This, of course, isn't the first time that a Republican candidate has gone rightward in their bid for the party nomination. Mitt Romney, once a moderately conservative governor that supported public health care in a blue state, sold his soul in 2012 to win the primaries. He flip-flopped on abortion, climate change, gun control, immigration and tax policy to better position himself to earn the party's vote, but was unable to walk back his comments enough to seriously challenge Barack Obama in the general election.

Never, however, has a candidate so overtly contradicted his own knowledge as much as Carson is doing this election cycle.

Carson had the opportunity as a medical expert to shoot down Donald Trump's anti-vaxing comments during the last Republican primary debate. Trump said that he opposed vaccinations because he believed in their link to Autism, even though that theory has been thwarted countless times. Carson, an expert of the brain, is familiar with the lack of correlation, and corrected Trump.

As the doctor continued talking, he must have remembered that distrusting establishment medicine is, for some reason, part of the modern right-wing rhetoric, and his comments grew hazier as he went on. He said “it is true that we are probably giving way too many in too short a period of time,” even though grouping of vaccines have shown no negative effects in studies.

Amid the Planned Parenthood controversy over the summer, Carson condemned fetal tissue research, saying “there's nothing that can't be done without fetal tissue,” even though scientists refute this claim and Carson himself used fetal tissue in his own research in 1992. The doctor wasn't so staunchly opposed to the practice back then, but he is now because he is shamelessly pandering to the pro-life base, seeking voters.

Carson has compared Democrats to Nazis, Obamacare to slavery and homosexuality to bestiality. He has denied climate change despite being an award-winning scientist and he has called Obama a psychopath, despite being one that works with the brain and fully understands the medical definition of the word. Whereas some candidates are simply ignorant on the issues, Carson is a full-fledged liar who knows better but decides to spread propaganda to prey on the most radical conservatives of our country for votes.

The most recent comments about a Muslim president shouldn't really come as a surprise, given Carson's track record. Like most of the Republican candidates for president, he is an intolerant bigot masquerading as a man of God (and even more important... a man of Reagan!), possessing moral authority.

Like Trump, Carson is immune to negative coverage from the media, as his base distrusts any journalism whose source doesn't rhyme with “Sox Lose.” When a news outlet calls one of these guys out on their ridiculous comments, they can shrug it off as the liberal media trying to undermine reality.

Ben Carson is freaking crazy. Let's not feed his campaign, please.

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to the

The author of this piece is an employee of the university and has requested anonymity in order to protect their identity.

Being an alumni of this great university and now an employee, there are many things that I am proud of. This university has continuing success in academics, athletics, medicine and research. Its population and reputation is also growing, domestically and internationally. This is evident

by the growing number of students joining our university and the increasing need for faculty and staff.

But this is where one of my frustrations lie.

Now, I know that parking is not a new topic of discussion. I just realized that this semester it has become a bit worse. Granted, as I mentioned previously, I understand Stony Brook's need to grow with student population, faculty and staff. Don't you

think the accommodations should reflect that as well?

As a staff member, I am glad that I have a complimentary parking pass. But there is no place to use it! Sometimes, it's due to construction that has closed off several staff parking spots, and other times to selfish persons that do not mind getting several parking tickets because they can get more sleep by driving their cars less than a mile to park illegally. In case you are unaware,

there is free public transportation around campus.

As with all the staff members in my department, it is normal for us to put in a 10-hour day due to the specific responsibilities we have and skill sets that we offer. Do I really need to drive into the office before 9 a.m. instead of arriving at my scheduled time of noon just to get a parking spot? Do I have to make a longer day for myself so I can get a reasonable parking spot?

I spent 45 minutes driving from lot to lot, making sure that I park in the lot that my parking tag is made for. I finally went into the paid lot, so I would not be late for my scheduled times.

As I have stated, this is just a rant about my frustration. I am sure there are others that share this as well. Dr. Stanley and university administration, I thank you for continuing the growth of Stony Brook University, but please add a parking complex to your list of building projects at SBU.

Without enforcement, plan for a tobacco-free campus will burn out



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Stony Brook plans on becoming a tobacco-free campus on Jan. 1, 2016. The new plan will not be punitive, but rather help encourage students to adopt healthier habits.

By Jonathon Kline
Staff Writer

In going with the flow of about 1,500 other schools, Stony Brook University has recently unveiled that it plans on banning all sorts of tobacco products on all its campuses as of Jan. 1. Though it's an admirable goal, and a one that I actually support, the logistics of a ban on campus are unrealistic and just a waste of the university's resources and money.

Banning tobacco products is probably for the betterment of the workers, students and faculty on Stony Brook's campus. However, with no actual way of enforcing this policy, the university is basically telling people, "Hey, we don't think you guys should smoke," which is about as useful as trying to tell a pre-med student that they'll do alright on their BIO 203 midterm.

In the university's "University Policy Manual P112: Tobacco-Free Policy," under the "Compliance" section, the way that Stony Brook plans to enforce this policy is to entrust "University leaders, supervisors, and building managers...to support individuals that are seeking to become tobacco-free by making appropriate re-

errals and to inform/promote compliance in their area(s) of responsibility." The university also plans on putting up notices throughout the campus, because that will be a sure-fire way to stop people from smoking.

How does the university think that this will even be remotely effective? In what situation has telling people not to do something wrong actually worked?

When the information was released that there would be a ban on these products, it would have been rational to think that the University Police Department would be used to actually enforce the policy by handing out fines to those students caught breaking the law. However, there is nothing in the policy that actually states that fines will be handed out to people caught smoking, dipping, or smoking hookah on campus.

Instead, it appears that Stony Brook will be following NYU's initiative of using peers to enforce the plan.

For those who might not know what peer discipline will entail, it's basically students telling other students not to use tobacco products on campus—which is arguably one of the worst plans one can think of.

If Stony Brook actually wants

to effectively ban tobacco products on the main campus, then it shouldn't use students and signs to tell smokers that they shouldn't use tobacco products on campus.

Instead, the university should allow campus police or other university officials to be able to enforce these rules with punitive measures, just like how police and government officials enforce the rules of society. At Tulane University, for example, any smoking violators are burned with a \$25 fine. At the University of Florida, noncompliant students get sent to the Dean of Students.

Though Stony Brook might not want to punish people who smoke on campus, the university also has to understand that if it wants to enforce this ban, then it will have to crack down on the people who are breaking the rules.

If the goal is to eliminate tobacco usage on campus by sternly looking at smokers and telling them "put that out," then this entire initiative will be a waste of the campus resources. Though the goal is noble, Stony Brook needs to find a more effective way of enforcing its policies if it ever really hopes to make the university "tobacco-free."

On the winner's podium for worst decisions of the week

By Nick Zararis
Contributing Writer

On a daily basis, we are faced with numerous decisions, some more significant than others. Am I going to actually go to class today? Should I order in or get off the couch and cook? To award those who make the most outrageous of choices, accidental or otherwise, these three people stand proud on the podium for worst decisions of the week.

The Bronze Medal: On any given day, getting ready in the morning can be an absolute nightmare. As a guy, it's a little less stressful, but it can still waste valuable time when you've got a solid hike to make across campus but want to milk every second of being the center of a blanket burrito.

But ladies, we get it—getting your hair together might permit a scale of flexibility. If it's humid, a bun isn't a sign of defeat, but a sign of one who is simply submitting to fate. And if you're feeling especially motivated in the morning, hair spray is a viable option for those looking to go that extra mile.

For one Eastern European woman, the choice of a little Aussie wasn't quite in the cards one recent morning. She originally thought that she had grabbed her can of hairspray from her cabinet and

went to style her hair.

But the problem for this poor woman? She grabbed a can of expanding builder's foam, which has a variety of non-cosmetic uses like acting as a sealant or an adhesive.

The understandably routine mistake sent the women to the hospital where a picture of her expanded hair began its road to viral status.

The Silver Medal: When you're on the Washington Nationals, a team originally expected to contend for the World Series, and you don't even make the playoffs, things can get a tad tense. Last week in a game against the Orioles, Nationals pitcher Jonathan Papelbon threw at Orioles star third baseman, Manny Machado, after Machado had hit a home-run two innings prior.

Bryce Harper, the probable National League MVP-to-be and Nationals outfielder, commented after the game, "It's one of those situations where it happens, and, I don't know, I'll probably get drilled tomorrow."

This refers to one of baseball's unwritten rules—when one team's star gets plunked, the other team's talent better be alert the next day.

Harper didn't get thrown at the next day, but in Papelbon's psycho mind, teammates don't say things

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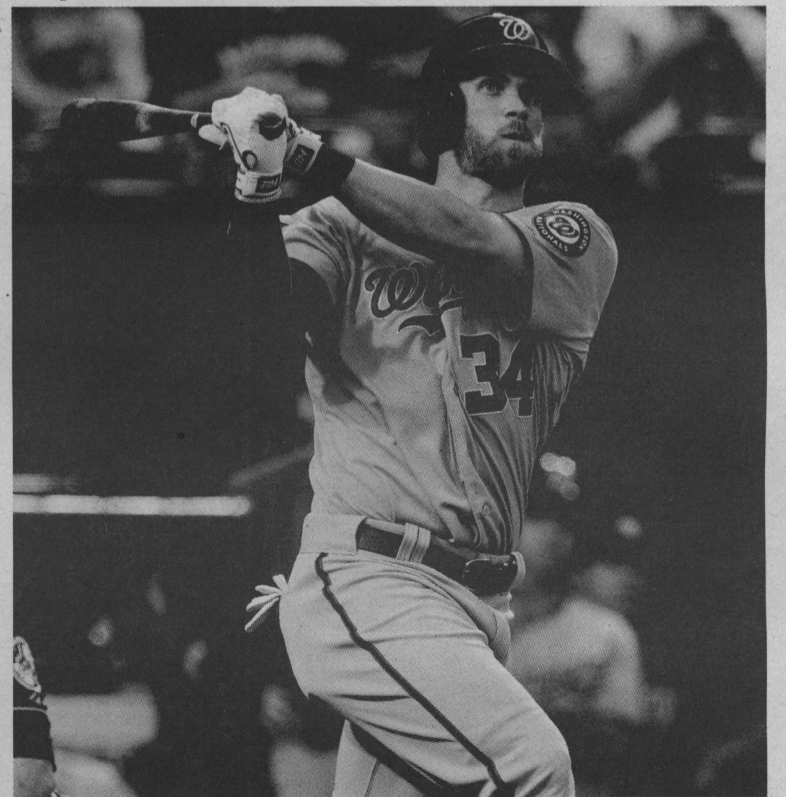


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Bryce Harper, above, is an outfielder for the Washington Nationals. Harper was recently involved in an altercation and was choked by fellow teammate Jonathon Papelbon.

Sports gambling has too many fans to be considered illegal

FanDuel

PHOTO CREDIT: FANDUEL

Like popular fantasy sports website DraftKings, FanDuel allows users to bet small with a chance to win big. The websites' legal statuses are currently being investigated.

By Nick Zararis
Contributing Writer

Victor Cruz's knee, Nick Foles' clavicle and Josh Gordon's fondness for recreational drugs all robbed NFL fans of enjoying their talents last season. But for about 33 million Americans, they presented an even more difficult challenge: Who's going to get my fantasy points now?

From the beginning of August, two companies have bombarded the airwaves with over \$101 million worth of fantasy football advertisements, boasting "no season-long commitments" and that "cash is instantly paid out." The two rival companies—the New York-based FanDuel and the Boston-based DraftKings—present an even more specialized opportunity for fantasy sports junkies. They boast instant

tax-free payouts to winners as soon as games are over, spawning a community of players with a united desire to win quickly and win big.

Sound familiar?

Two weeks ago, a Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee requested a hearing on the legal status of fantasy sports websites like FanDuel and DraftKings and posed a very good point: What is the difference between

gambling on point spreads, which is illegal, and picking a team of players and wagering on their output, which is legal in 45 states?

Each week, users can draft a team of various players that earn fantasy points based on their performance in NFL games. These sites have capitalized on the unquenchable thirst for fantasy football by adding in short-term commitments to draw in even the casual sports fans. Their argument against gambling is that participating in fantasy sports is about requires skill, and nothing is left to chance.

But let's face the facts—playing fantasy sports is gambling. It's why my older family members wouldn't let me into their fantasy baseball league until I understood there were more teams than just the Yankees. It's the loophole that allows more than \$15 billion to be wagered in the United States annually. Sports gambling should be legal in the United States on a fully regulated scale because of its international popularity.

What people fail to realize is that fantasy sports are already a healthy part of U.S. culture. At work, office leagues build friendly rivalries and camaraderie. And happy employees are productive ones, right?

Slowly but surely, the American mainstream media is becoming less anal about it. At one point in history Al Michaels' weekly references to point spreads would have been grounds for exile from sports cover-

age. Now, ESPN has a feature during college football Saturdays that notifies viewers when a team is on the verge of covering a point spread.

As for sports gambling as a whole, there is a massive market waiting to be tapped into. Soccer in England has especially exploited this financial strategy. Much like the way Madison Square Garden is draped with DraftKings ads from every possible angle, British soccer stadiums have had digital ads for betting websites along the goal lines and on the sides of the grandstands.

There, gambling is legal and is embraced by the English Football Association. The government collects money not by taxing the individual winnings like a casino or game show in the United States, but by taxing the online bookmaker.

Last year, New Jersey was close to getting sports betting legalized in its casinos and racetracks but was overturned by the Third Circuit Court, which cited that "sports betting in New Jersey would cause irreparably corrupt sports in the United States." Mike Bass, a spokesman for the NBA, said that "the path for legal sports betting is through Congress."

With over \$140 billion illegally gambled on sports in the United States every year, wouldn't the federal government like to take their fair share like they do in every other realm of existence? They even tax you if you win on "The Price is Right!" Is nothing sacred anymore?

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Awarding this week's most terrible choices



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Those awarded for their outrageous decisions this week include one unlucky European woman, one angry baseball player and one brave (but arachnophobic) Michigan man.

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like that—that's gotta stay within the clubhouse.

So when Harper hit a lazy pop up to centerfield and he didn't run it out, Papelbon yelled something to the effect of "You gotta run that out" and Harper jawed back at him to the point where a tussle was bound to ensue. Papelbon, being on the top step of the dugout, had the high ground and went right for Harper's throat and got a good few seconds of a choke in before teammates intervened.

Papelbon has a reputation in baseball of being a locker room cancer where even on winning teams, he causes problems. He had only been on the Nationals for a month when the incident happened and

has been suspended for the rest of the season—three games by Major League Baseball for throwing at Machado and four games by the Nationals for the altercation with Harper.

So a star closer who was supposed to help anchor the Nats bullpen down the stretch ended up helping the bullpen to collapse, the team to further struggle and tried to choke out one of the best players of baseball all in the matter of a month and a half.

If you're Papelbon, you really have to think about where you are in life as a baseball player.

The Gold Medal: Arachnophobia is a very real fear in the world. Grown men can be reduced to a cowering child at the sight of those eight long legs. When it comes to killing a spider, one is presented

with many options: the timeless rolled up newspaper, the nearest flipflop (my personal favorite), or in the case of my sister, getting someone else to kill it while running away.

But one brave man in Michigan dared to go where no man had gone before—burning it with a lighter. But why was this so groundbreaking? This gentleman was pumping gas at a gas station. He quickly jerked his head at the sight of the arachnid on his car and fished out his lighter from his pocket. In doing so he ignited gasoline and caused quite the chaotic scene.

Luckily for the gentleman, an attendant was nearby and was quickly able to turn the pump off and contain the fire with a nearby fire extinguisher and avert what could've been a massive disaster.

Women's Soccer's Manuela Corcho making an impact as a sophomore

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

Manuela Corcho's story speaks for itself.

The sophomore forward emigrated from Columbia when she was nine, nearly missed out on playing college soccer after tearing an ACL in high school and starting the recruiting process late. Despite this, she is a spark-plug for the Stony Brook Women's Soccer team while pursuing an engineering degree.

But instead of beaming at the opportunity to tell her story, Corcho responded the way those close to her would have predicted.

"Nooooo," she groaned.

"She is just the type of person that is very selfless," Anthony Ferraro, who coached Corcho on F.C. Westchester's U16 and U17 teams, said. "The conversation is never about her, it's about 'How are you doing coach?' 'How is your family life?' 'How was work for you?' 'What can I be doing more that will help the team be successful?'"

The club team was Corcho's first taste of organized soccer, as it was primarily a men's sport back home. She first joined Westchester FC during its inception at the age of 10, shortly after she moved to Connecticut from her birthplace of Medellin, Columbia. The toughest part about the move for Corcho was leaving her father, a civil engineer who was not married to her mother, behind.

"I used to see him everyday. He

would pick me up from school and bring me back home," Corcho said. "It was definitely hard for me to leave him and not see him everyday, but we were able to talk still and I still to this day go back whenever I can."

Corcho's love of soccer began in the streets of Medellin, but blossomed while playing for Westchester FC. Corcho had a flair for the dramatic and an arsenal of moves that she picked up by watching old clips of professional players, but she never let her gifts get to her head.

"Kids will literally listen and do everything Manuela does, not just because she's an exceptional talent but just her personality is above and beyond," Ferraro said. "That just really goes to show that she's a natural leader."

Corcho's abilities took a backseat when she suffered an ACL tear during her sophomore year of high school. She was able to return to the pitch just six months later, but was more concerned with leading than impressing scouts.

"When I could [play] I didn't want to show people because I was just starting off again and I was nervous that they'd see me like that," Corcho said. Corcho was interested in playing collegiate soccer, but stuck with playing for Westchester FC over moving to a more prestigious program.

"People told me that I was good but I didn't know how college soccer

was. I was so behind on the recruiting process I didn't know how anything worked," Corcho said. "It was scary. That's why I went with whoever offered me the ability to play."

Corcho glossed over records and opted to mass e-mail schools. She targeted schools with engineering programs specifically, however, in order to follow in her father's footsteps.

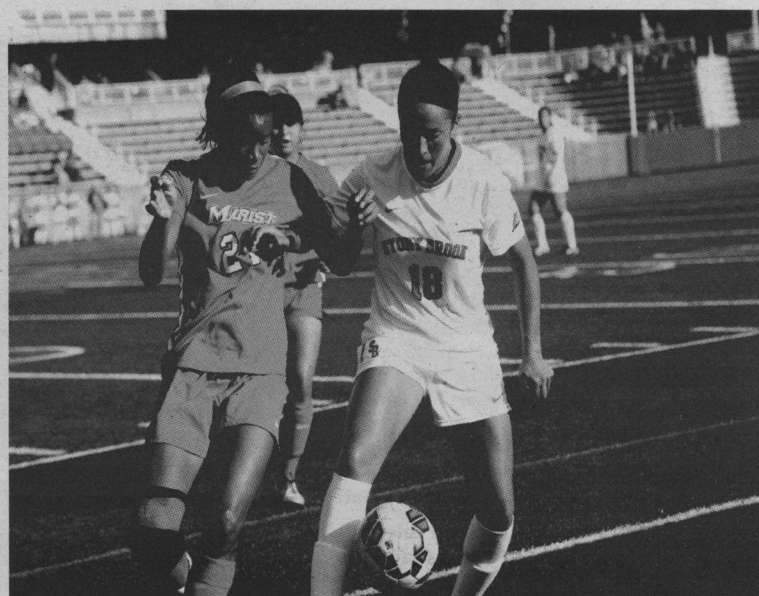
"I didn't want to come undecided to college, and I thought I was good at math, I was good at science," Corcho said. "I thought it would be a good field for me and I would have my dad's support to back me up."

Only "two or three" colleges actually answered according to Corcho, one of which was Stony Brook.

"I saw her play in two tournaments that were not what people might determine to be premier, high-level," Stony Brook Women's Soccer head coach Sue Ryan said. "[Ferraro] recommended her highly and I entirely trusted his opinion and then she came to one of our prospect clinics to show what she could do and then that sealed it for us."

"The whole thing was late," Corcho said. "I was basically a walk-on. Even my teammates didn't know I was coming until three months before. Stony Brook kind of chose me."

A year later, Corcho is second on the team in points and goals. She has played in all 12 contests this season, started in four and has won an Ameri-



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Sophomore forward Manuela Corcho (No. 18, above) has recorded four points in a breakout season for Stony Brook.

ca East Player of the Week honor.

Corcho is doing all of this despite missing portions of practice and lift sessions due to her majoring in engineering. She makes up the missed time by coming to other practice early, staying late and getting her own individual lifts in when she can. Her career is what matters to her most, but she refuses to let her teammates down.

"She's a little bit of a Renaissance Woman in that she's one of the brightest players academically on our team. She's an engineering major, which is not easy to do at Stony Brook without any other commitments," Ryan said. "That shows you a lot about her work

ethic and where she wants to get to and what she wants to do."

"Yeah. It is," Corcho said when asked if the degree was her top priority. "I am committed. There's no way I'm taking a fifth year to get that degree. I want to do it in four years."

That was the first time Corcho spoke outside of her humble, reserved persona. When Corcho says it is "career-first right now," she means it. Career first, questions about her journey here later. As the interview ended Corcho was asked if there was anything else she wanted to be asked about.

"No," Corcho chuckled. "No."

QB Lee, James Madison romp visiting Stony Brook

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Football team could not get anything going in its first four drives against No. 5 James Madison on Saturday, and that was all the Dukes needed to set the tone and take down the Seawolves, 38-20.

Just like Stony Brook did on its first drive, James Madison failed to do much offensively on its first possession after an offensive holding penalty set them back. Unlike the Seawolves, the Dukes went on an offensive tear after that. Each of James Madison's next three drives in the first quarter concluded with a celebration in the end zone, as the Dukes pulled ahead of the Seawolves by three touchdowns.

Stony Brook could not get its running game going, especially without star junior running back Stacy Bedell in the lineup. On the other hand, James Madison had its ground attack on full display early and often. Dukes junior running back Khalid Abdullah had a tremendous first quarter, rushing for 90 yards on just five attempts. That included a 69-yard-run, which helped put the Seawolves in a hole.

Although Stony Brook was down 21-0 with 35 seconds left in the quarter, the team did not give up. Senior quarterback Conor Bednarski found redshirt freshman tight end Cal Daniels open down the field for a 70-yard-gain before getting tackled at James Madison's 18-yard-line. Bednarski then put Stony Brook on the board, finding junior wide receiver Steve Marino for a touchdown, the first of his career.

But James Madison quickly responded with a touchdown of its own to start off the second quarter. While the Seawolves failed to put points on the scoreboard to challenge their opponents, the Dukes scored a touch-



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Sophomore starting wide receiver Donavin Washington (No. 5, above) was held catchless in Saturday's game.

down and a field goal in the third quarter to surge ahead, 38-7.

Stony Brook looked for a comeback, or at least something that would spark one.

Marino looked like he caught his second touchdown pass of the game in the fourth quarter, but the play was reviewed and reversed. Instead, redshirt freshman quarterback Joe Carbone ran for a touchdown. That gave the Seawolves offense some energy and looked as if it might shift the momentum of the game.

Stony Brook kept the ball on the ground and let the trio of Carbone, sophomore running back Donald Liotine and freshman running back Isaiah White run the football. Their work led to Carbone scoring his second rushing touchdown and could have put Stony Brook within two possessions if he had not failed the two-point conversion. He had to settle with cutting the Dukes' lead to 38-20.

As the offense gained steam late in the game, so did the defense. In the first half, the Seawolves' usually tough defense could barely keep up with the

Dukes' high-tempo offense. But they began to slow James Madison down in the third quarter, once the team went ahead by 31.

Stony Brook's defensive line put a lot of pressure on James Madison's usually calm redshirt junior quarterback Vad Lee. Lee, who kept his composure in the first half, could not maintain his presence as Ryan Sloan, Stony Brook's graduate defensive lineman, hurried into the pocket.

Even back in the second quarter, Lee was under constant pressure at times.

Although they lost, the Seawolves held James Madison to its lowest scoring total of the season. The Dukes' high-powered offense averaged 47.8 points per game this season coming into the contest.

Up next for the Seawolves is the Homecoming game against Colonial Athletic Association rival Towson on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

After losing to division rival William & Mary in last year's Homecoming game, Stony Brook is looking to bring home a win for its crowd in Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Scoreless streak for Women's Soccer hits two games after loss at Hartford

By Tim Oakes
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook Women's Soccer team suffered its second consecutive shutout loss Thursday night, this time losing 1-0 to Hartford at Al-Marzook Field in Hartford, Connecticut. The match was decided early in the game on Hartford freshman midfielder Hayley Nolan's first career goal.

Nolan scored in the 14th minute to give her team the early lead. The assist on the play was attributed to junior forward Aaliyah Ingram.

It could have been worse for the Seawolves had it not been for junior goalie Emily Doherty's diving save in the 38th minute on a corner kick that ricocheted off the head of Hawks junior midfielder Caitlin Smallfield.

With time winding down toward the end of the game, the Seawolves pushed the pace and tried to tie it up and force overtime, but it was to no avail. Stony Brook struggled to make

effective passes in the middle of the pitch, as Hartford had demonstrated.

Aside from the goal by Nolan early in the first half, Doherty played well-saving the four other shots on goal. Hawks' junior goalkeeper Jessica Jurg provided an unblemished line in her stellar performance.

Stony Brook came into the game as the underdogs, with Hartford holding the conference's best overall record at 7-2-2.

The Hawks tried to set the tone early, commanding possession in the first ten minutes of regulation.

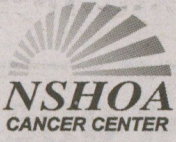
Four of the five shots toward goal by Stony Brook were from far out, as the team was unable to get clear shots in dangerous areas.

Stony Brook heads back home to continue its quest for its first conference victory of the season on Thursday, when they play Albany at 7 p.m. at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.



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The Stony Brook Women's Soccer team is winless against conference foes after losing to Hartford 1-0 on the road.



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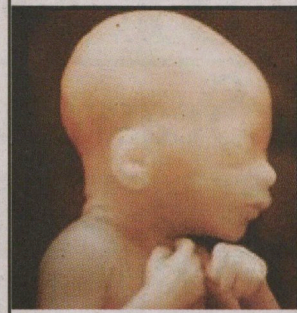
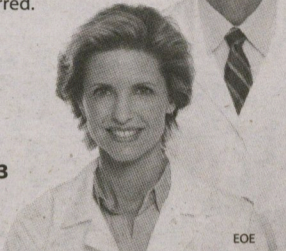
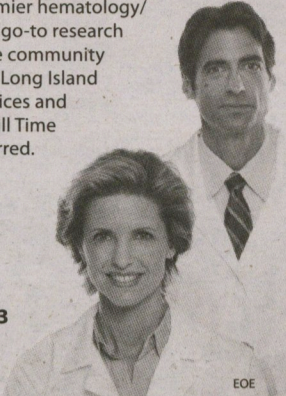
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SPORTS

Duval's OT goal gives Seawolves win in America East opener

By Greg Zarb
Contributing Writer

On a chilly and windy night, Stony Brook Men's Soccer took away an overtime victory against the University of Albany with a score of 2-1 Saturday night at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"It was a good way to start off conference play with a win against a good Albany team," head coach Ryan Anatol said postgame. "We wanted to come out of this game with a good performance, and a win if possible. We got both, so that's a plus."

With less than 30 seconds to go in the second overtime period, sophomore midfielder Thibault Duval got the ball inside the box, saw his opportunity and took it.

He ripped a shot past the goalkeeper, the ball hits the back of the net, and the crowd exploded into cheers and applause.

"I thought I was playing poorly this game, and that goal definitely helped me with my confidence," Duval said. "Mostly, I'm happy for the team. It was an important win, especially for it being the first conference game of the season."

The game started off well for Stony Brook, with senior forward Martin Giordano scoring his fifth goal of the season fourteen seconds into the game off a shot 25 yards out off the post.

This also gave Giordano a career-high 13 points



Thibault Duval (No. 6, above) winding up his game-winning strike in double overtime.

on the season.

"He's gotten better over the years," Anatol said about his senior forward. "He's one of our leading goal scorers, we keep playing him higher up in the field and he has really taken responsibility for the team as whole."

The lead was held for a little bit, until senior midfielder Afonso Pinheiro scored on a left-footed shot from 25 yards out and into the upper left corner.

A big factor in tonight's game was the wind.

"We talked about the wind before the game," Anatol said when discussing the strategy for the game. "It was difficult to change plans with the wind at halftime. We made sure to keep it safe with the defense and goal kicks when the wind was coming at us. On the other hand, when we had the wind, I told the guys to press and keep them pinned in their half."

The Seawolves have won two straight games.

"It definitely has been keeping us

motivated, and this win boosts our confidence more," Anatol said. "This game really speaks well for us. Albany is a good team so it's nice to pull out a win against this group and we hope to keep our performance up."

On Sunday, an 87th minute tie-breaking goal by sophomore forward Vince Erdei catapulted the Stony Brook Men's Soccer team to a 2-1 win over Fairleigh Dickinson at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

The win marks the third time in Stony Brook's last four games that

the team has either won or tied, as the Seawolves are 2-1-1, making the Seawolves' record 3-4-2.

The Seawolves did not lead at any point during the game prior to Erdei's goal.

The Knights took the early lead in the 27th minute off of a penalty kick from freshman forward Javen Palmer.

However, the lead lasted for only 17 minutes.

Junior defender Kofi Ramirez Ossei-Tutu passed the ball to Giordano, who scored the equalizer to even the score at one goal apiece just seconds before halftime.

Stony Brook dominated throughout much of the time the two teams were tied. The Seawolves had eight shots on goal and 21 total shots during the game while Fairleigh Dickinson managed only two shots on goal and five total.

As the clock ticked down, Erdei scored in the 87th minute and gave the Seawolves the eventual victory.

Erdei has been instrumental to Stony Brook's success in its last four games.

The sophomore has scored a goal in each of those games.

All other Seawolves players combined have only sent two into the back of the net.

The Seawolves are now 4-5-2 on the season and have two away games against New Hampshire and UMass Lowell. They will not play another home game until Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. against Vermont.

TE Will Tye becomes first Seawolves alum to appear in NFL game

By Andrew Eichenholz
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time, a Stony Brook football alumnus was on an active NFL roster for a game during the regular season.

The New York Giants signed former Seawolves tight end Will Tye off the team's own practice squad on Saturday to make his professional debut on Sunday when the team played against the Buffalo Bills.

"Definitely a dream come true," Tye said after his NFL debut. "I still can't believe it now."

Tye was waived by the Giants on Sept. 1 before they signed him back onto the practice squad on Sept. 7.

The *Statesman* reported on Saturday afternoon that according to Tye's agent DuWayne Upton, the former Seawolf and Seminole would be signed later in the day, and an article posted on the Giants' official website at 3:45 p.m. confirmed it.

According to Tye, he practiced with the offense all week as if he was going to head upstate with the Giants to play the Bills, but the promotion to the active roster came when head coach Tom Coughlin called him into his office on Saturday.

"He said, 'Play fast. Play fast,'" Tye said about what his coach told him before the game. "You're going to see a lot of things out there. Just play fast and have fun."

The Giants terminated the contract of defensive tackle Kenrick Ellis to make room for the former Sea-

wolf. Tye was one of two active tight ends on the team's roster for the game against the Bills.

He was targeted once in the 24-10 Giants win, dropping the pass. But Tye also got snaps as a blocker during the game.

Stony Brook had three former players sign contracts with NFL teams prior to training camp this year, with only Tye being signed to a practice squad.

Adrian Coxson, a former Seawolves wide receiver, signed with the Green Bay Packers after the NFL Draft this spring and spent some time with the team early on in the summer before being released on August 17 and eventually retiring from football altogether.

He said he is happy to see his former teammate earn an opportunity.

"He took advantage of it and now he is getting his shot," Coxson said. "He is very blessed and I support him 100 percent and [I am] looking forward to seeing him play on Sundays."

Tye was one of 44 players invited by the Giants to a tryout in the spring.

He was one of only three from that group to be signed to a contract.

After transferring from Florida State, Tye caught 79 passes totaling 1,015 yards and scored nine touchdowns in his two seasons with Stony Brook.

"They said good job," Tye said about what his coaches told him after the game, then laughing: "I didn't mess up too much."

Hockey sweeps Rhode Island, honors former captain

By Skyler Gilbert
Staff Writer

When Stony Brook Hockey raised its sticks after Saturday night's 6-3 win over Rhode Island, the Seawolves' record was raised to 4-0.

This served as a reminder to the entire ACHA that the Seawolves will be a national contender again after being runners-up last season and semifinalists two seasons ago.

But for the packed rink in attendance this weekend, the players' helmet ribbons and bright orange laces highlighted an even bigger battle this season: former Seawolves captain and forward Sam Brewster's battle with leukemia.

Brewster, a 2015 Stony Brook graduate, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia this year, a rare but treatable cancer of the white blood cells. The 2015-16 Seawolves Hockey season has been dedicated to Brewster's fight, which was brought to focus on Saturday's cancer awareness night at The Rinx in Hauppauge.

"He's all-around a great kid and a great person," junior forward and current captain J.T. Hall said. "Pumping people up for a game, helping you when you need it the most, giving you a pat on the back. He's always there for you. That's why we're out here trying to support him."

Brewster's ex-coach also had nothing but praise for his ex-captain.

"Sam is the definition of hard work," head coach Chris Garofalo said. "If you could put pictures in the dictionary under [hard work], it would be his picture."

Hockey serves as a microcosm of

Brewster's determined spirit. While most hockey players first put on the skates at the age of four or five, Brewster did not first hit the ice until he was 15, having been a more natural football and baseball player growing up in Plano, Texas.

"The one sport he didn't [initially] excel in was hockey," Garofalo said. "He's found that he likes challenges, and hockey was a challenge for him. He wanted to do it because it wasn't something he was naturally good at."

The effort paid off for the forward, who represented the United States in the World University Games in Barcelona in February and helped Stony Brook reach the national ACHA finals as a captain.

Off the ice, Brewster's accolades are just as impressive. He graduated with a 3.4 GPA, scored in the top three percent of his LSAT and received a full scholarship to law school at the University of Wisconsin, from which he has temporarily withdrawn to focus on his treatment.

"When I think about what he's going through right now, not that you want anybody to have this terrible disease, he's the one guy that I'm 100 percent confident that he's going to beat this," Garofalo said. "He's such a determined individual."

Nearly half of the Seawolves this season are freshmen or transfers, but the players that knew him look at Brewster unequivocally as a role model. Brewster's father rallied up the team with a locker room speech about his son Friday night before their 6-4 win, unifying the squad to fight for Sam.

"The guys, even though some of

them don't know him personally, he's just an icon," Garofalo said. "We're playing the way he plays. We're playing Sam's style of hockey."

"We have a chip on our shoulder now," Hall said, "knowing that he's watching and we're fighting for him the way he's fighting leukemia."

Stony Brook dominated play Saturday night, outshooting the Rams 39-24. Hall led the way with a pair of first period goals and the end-result was never really in question.

"I told the guys I'm not looking for a perfect game," Garofalo said. "But I am looking for a perfect effort."

The Seawolves demonstrated that kind of effort on the ice Saturday; the kind of effort that would make Sam Brewster proud.

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7 p.m. vs. Binghamton

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