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The women's soccer team celebrates the first of Raven Edwards' (third from left) two goals in a 3-2 win over Albany. Edwards scored her second on a penalty shot in the 87th minute.

START-UP NY brings two new companies to the Research and Development Park

By Eric Schmid
Contributing Writer

Two new companies, Iontraxx and Web4Sign, will be coming to Stony Brook's Research and Development Park, joining 17 other companies that already operate on campus as part of Stony Brook's involvement in the START-UP NY program.

The program, launched by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in October 2013, provides a range of benefits to new and expanding companies located in New York. The biggest of those benefits is a 10-year, tax-free operation in space provided by an eligible university or college campus.

Although these companies have recently been approved to operate on campus, campus contact for START-UP NY Susan Nastro said in an email that only Iontraxx, a company from Florida that specializes in construction and asset management of large-scale solar energy projects, has relocated to Stony Brook.

Nastro said Web4Sign will move to campus in the next month. Web4Sign explores and develops ways to digitize a signature without compromising security.

"If it's paper, it's easy," Raffaello Galli, the president of Web4Sign, explained. "When the document is electronic, how do you reach the same legal level?"

Web4Sign seeks to solve that problem by tracking more than just the image of a signature, what typical electronic signatures do.

"We are taking the pressure, velocity, acceleration, and direction

of the pen," Galli said. All of that information goes into the signatures, not just the signature image.

Galli said his experience with applying for the program was not easy.

"It takes time," he said, reflecting on the process. "And it's not easy to pass."

He applied two years ago for the program but said the system was not ready to accept and process applications, and his initial application was not approved.

Galli explained that if a company does not have a piece of technology desired by a specific university, then the company will not get approved.

For companies to be approved for START-UP NY and by the specific university, their missions must significantly resemble the academic missions of the university.

For example, Stony Brook is seeking companies in electronics, wireless and information technology and smart grid information technologies, to name a few.

Now, Galli is excited and relieved to begin work for Web4Sign at Stony Brook.

Galli is also excited to be a part of the Stony Brook community for the students and connections. He plans to have some students, graduate and undergraduate, work for him during their time at the university. If the students do a good job, Galli said he will probably hire them, or at least offer them jobs at Web4Sign.

Iontraxx is working to solve

management issues of large scale solar projects. Lian Niu, a worker for Iontraxx, said they're "finding tools or creating ways to make the construction manager's job easier."

Iontraxx seeks to simplify the process of tracking equipment through software and hardware implementation, Niu explained. That way, if a certain tool is lost on the construction site, it can be located, or if a specific material is running low, a construction manager can order more so the project stays on track. All of this data collection helps keep track of efficiency and lowers the cost of projects.

He shared Galli's excitement of being a part of the Stony Brook community and said Iontraxx "absolutely will use students." In fact, it already has. "We've met some people on the campus already who have given us some ideas," Niu said. "You need that fresh mentality."

As a part of START-UP NY, both companies have pledged to create 21 new jobs for the state of New York, adding to the 3,800 already pledged by the other 143 companies who have been approved by START-UP NY.

Nastro, who is also the economic development program coordinator at Stony Brook, said all of the companies involved with START-UP NY have unique and novel ideas that align well with the university's research. Nastro added that Stony Brook will continue considering companies who fit with the university's technology sector and missions.

Governor's campaign says "Enough is Enough" to sexual assault

By Jess Stoneburner
Contributing Writer

Gov. Andrew Cuomo launched a new public awareness campaign in an effort to support the "Enough is Enough" legislation to combat sexual assault on college campuses last month. Cuomo signed the new legislation on July 7 after launching an initial campaign to help push for the law in February of last year.

"Enough is Enough" focuses on three major ideas. The first is a uniform definition of affirmative consent. Consent is defined as a "knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity," according to the newly established SUNY Sexual Assault & Violence Response (SAVR) page.

The second is a statewide amnesty policy, meaning that universities must ensure that students reporting any incident of sexual assault will be granted amnesty for violations of campus policies at the time of the incident, such as illegal use of drugs or alcohol.

The third part is expanded access to law enforcement. The law created a new specialized unit of the state police known as the "Sexual Assault Victims Unit." Police will be trained specifically to deal with and respond to sexual assault-related crimes accordingly.

Zoe Ridolfi-Starr, a student at Columbia University, is an advocate for the "Enough is Enough" campaign. Ridolfi-Starr said she was sexually as

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Investigators ticketed home owners for converting 100 University Heights Drive, above, into illegal housing.

Town tickets Stony Brook home for illegal construction

By Brittany Bernstein
Contributing Writer

Town of Brookhaven Law Department investigators ticketed owners of a single-family home in Stony Brook that was being converted into illegal housing on Oct. 3.

A Stony Brook resident tipped investigators that the single family home at 100 University Heights Drive was being used for illegal off-campus housing, according to a town news release.

Law investigators found that construction crews were in the process of constructing four new illegal bedrooms in the house, which had three legal bedrooms and an illegal living space in the basement.

Investigators said the front living room was in the pro-

cess of being split into two bedrooms, while a den had already been converted into two bedrooms. It also appeared that the garage was ready to be converted as well, according to investigators.

The owners of the property live in St. James and were not present during the investigation. The investigators issued misdemeanor appearance tickets for the illegal conversions, along with a tall grass ticket.

Town Supervisor Ed Romaine applauded the resident who reported the illegal housing and the investigators who stepped in.

"We will continue to crack down on unscrupulous landlords and I ask residents to be vigilant and report illegal activity in their neighborhood," he said in the news release.



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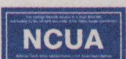


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NEWS

SUNY launches online tools for assault victims

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saulted on campus the summer after her freshman year, and she believes schools can do a lot more to prevent assault on campuses, including ongoing and comprehensive education as opposed to a few workshops.

"We have no idea what goes on behind closed doors," Ridolfi-Starr said. "Schools need to release accurate data on how they handle reported sexual violence."

She said reports on more "big picture" data, such as investigations and their results, rather than individual cases will help paint a clearer picture of sexual assault on campuses.

The legislation is a reminder that the battle against on-campus assault is far from over, coinciding with the recent survey by the Association of American Universities, or AAU. Their survey had 150,072 students participate.

Their findings concluded that one in four undergraduate women experiences sexual assault on college campuses.

It was also found that men experienced nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force, but not nearly as much as females or transgender or genderqueer people.

"All students are concerned with their own safety," Kumari Shalini, a Stony Brook student pursuing her master's degree in computer sciences, said. "They don't want to do things that they wouldn't want to happen to themselves."

Michael Moshkovich, a junior health science major at Stony Brook, said that while he has not seen any issues with sexual assault on Stony Brook's campus, he still believes it to be part of a larger problem.

"It's hidden in the shadows," Moshkovich said. "I think we have to inform more students about sexual assault—particularly male students. But Enough is Enough isn't effective. We need stricter rules, and we need to educate the male population because this issue is overlooked and not taken seriously by kids who are 20, even though it's a prominent problem."

SUNY's new online tools for victims of sexual assault, SUNY SAVR, and a multilingual resource for immigrant students are customizable for schools and cost nothing. Their sites include a safety feature, an "Exit Site" button that clears the individual's history so it can't be seen that they were visiting the SAVR site, then redirects them to Google's homepage.

"SUNY continues to show it is a national leader in combating campus sexual violence," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said in a SUNY news release. She added that issues of sexual violence on campuses are "too often swept under the rug."

Laura Dunn, the executive director of SurvJustice, a nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance to survivors of sex crimes to "increase the prospect of justice," said in the news release that she hoped other colleges would follow suit.

On Sunday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., a sign taken from a soccer goal was located on the soccer field area in the South P Lot. The case remains open.

On Monday, Sept. 28, at 10:10 a.m., a Residence Hall Director reported that drug paraphernalia was allegedly found during a room inspection at Keller College. Police issued a student referral.

On Monday, Sept. 28 at 9 p.m., a female patient allegedly struck a male patient at University Hospital. The victim allegedly refused to cooperate with police. The case is now closed.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 9 a.m., a bike was reportedly stolen at the Chemistry Building. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Oct. 1 at 2:51 a.m., police arrested a driver at the Marburger Drive traffic

circle on suspicion of carrying illegal weapons.

On Friday, Oct. 2 at 2:08 a.m., police arrested a suspect for allegedly stealing a fire extinguisher in Dewey College.

On Friday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m., the driver of a white Honda Odyssey allegedly left the scene of an accident at the Student Activities Center. The case is now closed.

On Friday, Oct. 2 at 9:37 p.m., an odor of marijuana was reported in Sanger College. Police issued a four student referrals.

On Friday, Oct. 2 at 11:33 p.m., an RA reported marijuana smoking in a room at Greeley College. Police issued three student referrals.

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2:48 a.m., police arrested a suspect in Cardozo College for allegedly assaulting and injuring a police officer.

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8:27 p.m., an RA reported that students were smoking marijuana in a room in Gray College. Police issued three student referrals.

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:05 p.m., an odor of marijuana was reported in Hamilton College. Police issued four student referrals.

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:21 p.m., an RA reported that students were smoking marijuana in a room in Toscanini College. Police issued a student referral.

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at midnight an exterior door was reportedly kicked in at West Apartments F. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 12:29 a.m., a man was allegedly observed smoking marijuana in public at Roosevelt Quad. Police issued a student referral.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, at 12:49 a.m., two men were allegedly fighting in a room at Baruch College. The men were separated, and police issued two student referrals.

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1:33 a.m., police issued a referral for an Alcoholic Beverage Control Law violation to a student who was allegedly seen sitting next to a shot glass outside Keller College.

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2:59 a.m., police arrested a suspect at the Student Activities Center who allegedly was seen on camera breaking the window of a yellow Acura.

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 8:21 p.m., an RA reported a smell of marijuana in Toscanini College. Police issued four student referrals.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

Investigative journalist talks about issues facing modern fathers

By Christopher Cameron
Assistant Multimedia Editor

Investigative journalist and family issues expert Josh Levs spoke at Stony Brook University, Thursday, Oct. 8, on the negative portrayal of fatherhood by the news media and its impact on gender politics.

Josh Levs was a reporter for CNN when his third child was born. His newly born daughter was premature, and his wife had developed severe preeclampsia during her pregnancy. As a result, both Levs and his wife agreed that he would be needed at home for caregiving. But Levs was only granted two weeks of paid leave after the birth of his daughter.

"I was under this incredibly weird policy at CNN," Levs said. "Under this policy, anyone could get 10 paid weeks to take care of their new child except a man who impregnated his own wife."

Levs said he filed for an extension to his paid parental leave but was denied outright. He took legal action through the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Time Warner, a topic that is the subject of his book "All In." While his claim was successful, Levs said that his case was only a symptom of a much larger problem.

"The stigmas are more powerful than anything," Levs said. "And the thing that drives me the most crazy about this, because this is my industry, is that the mainstream media is complicit."

Levs argued that misleading statistics and narrow definitions of how much time fathers spend on their children has created a false image of men who are caretakers for their families.

"In these studies we have a lot of women who are working 30 hours professionally and men working 55 hours professionally," Levs said. "So yes, the women are home for more



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Josh Levs, above, speaks at Stony Brook University on Thursday, Oct. 8. Levs is a former reporter for CNN and the author of a book on family issues titled "All In."

hours. And more of what they are doing, to contribute to their family, is childcare. And that speaks to the sexism that's pushing women to stay home."

Another misconception spread by the media, Levs said, is the issue of fatherlessness in America. The New York Times published an op-ed claiming that there were 24 million children in the U.S. that are being raised without a father.

"Fatherlessness is a huge problem," Levs said, but immediately clarified. "All of these statistics are wrong."

The statistics counted an overbroad definition of children in a living arrangement without a "biological father" that included adopted children, children with deceased fathers, and children with divorced parents in that category, Levs said.

While Levs focused primarily on the stigma and misconceptions of fatherhood, he also brought up a solution to the issue. Levs proposed a national policy of paid family leave, an insurance fund much like social security that is deducted from an employee's paycheck that insures them for six paid weeks of family leave.

The proposed policy would be self-sufficient to the employer, and Levs argues it would pay for itself in the long run as employee turnover due to familial responsibilities can cost up to 200 percent of an employee's salary, according to the Society for Human Resource Management.

In his lecture, Levs also distinguished "paid family leave" from "parental leave," a policy that has already been adopted in some form in all but two countries — Papua

New Guinea and the United States. While parental leave is a policy that applies specifically to new parents, family leave will be mandated time off that can apply to other personal circumstances, such as sickness or taking care of elderly family members.


Collaboration with other gender equality campaigns, such as HeForShe, was also mentioned by Levs during the lecture. Levs has plans to coordinate an event with HeForShe in November and spoke highly of the movement's message and ability to break down the stigma surrounding the gender equality movement and translate that internationally.

"The first dream we had was to be held, and loved," Levs said in the conclusion of his speech. "And ultimately standing for that, fighting for that, is the meaning of going all in."

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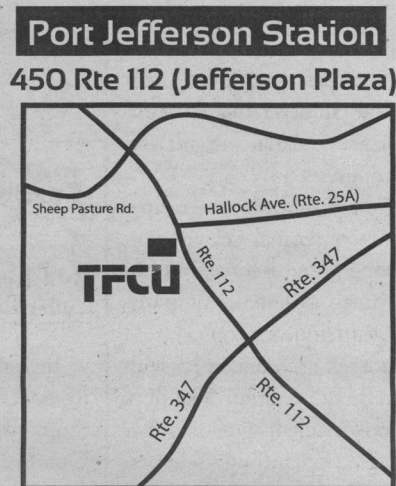
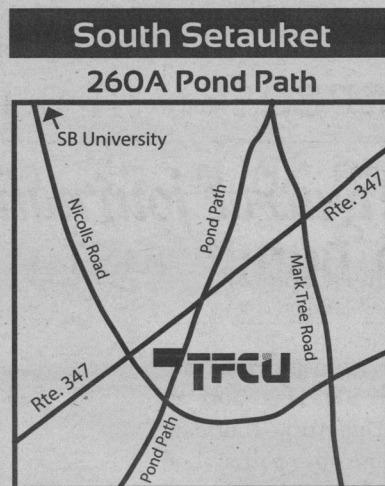
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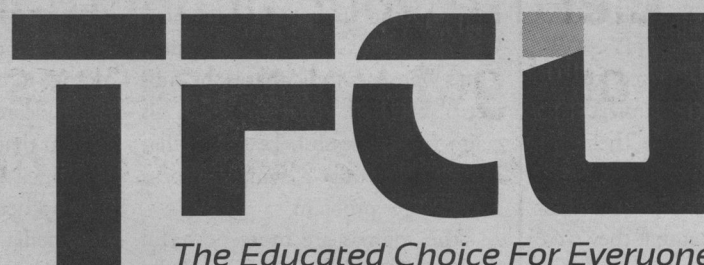
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Sweet times in the SAC



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Students gathered in SAC Ballroom B on Saturday, Oct. 10 to watch the original "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" movie from 7 to 10 p.m.

By Katarina Delgado
Contributing Writer

The chocolate wonderland of your childhood dreams came to the Student Activities Center in Wolfie's Chocolate Factory, a Weekend Life Council event on October 10, 2015.

The fun-filled event featured wall-to-wall candy, hot chocolate and a crafty candy jar decorating station.

Nearly 1,000 people were interested in the Facebook event but only 300 were offered a treasured Golden Ticket.

"My hope is that when people come here they can just relax and be like a little kid again," Anne Mendis, a chairperson for the event, said.

Lucky winners of the Golden Tickets (bright orange wristbands in this case) were eagerly waiting outside the doors of SAC Ballroom B.

At 7:05 p.m. they were allowed in and rushed to collect their candy and decorate their own mason jars.

With the original Willy Wonka soundtrack playing in the background, attendees dipped five different kinds of marshmallows, including a pumpkin spice flavored marshmallow, into Wolfie's chocolate fountain.

It took only 20 minutes for the first round of hot chocolate to run out.

"We came for the candy," Emily Durcan and Erin O'Connell, an engineering science and an undecided major respectively, agreed.

"Enjoy the crazy amounts of candy and chocolate and fun and games we have in store for you," the Facebook page for the event said.

Steven Morel, a Weekend Life Council staff member, said the event had to be moved to a bigger ballroom and a Google sign-up had to be created because of the interest in the event.

"It's a good sign. It means our events are

gaining more traction," Morel said.

The candy rush slowed, the lights dimmed and attendees took their seats to watch the original "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

The 1971 film is about a poor boy who got the opportunity of a lifetime when he got one of only five "golden tickets" in the world.

The tickets gave him special access to a mysterious chocolate factory that had been closed for years.

The mad-hatter like factory owner, Willy Wonka, led the exciting tour of the factory filled with surprises at every turn.

After the movie showing, the Weekend Life Council raffled off prizes including giant candy.

"At every event we've had massive turnout and massive positive response. And it's nice to know that people are coming during the weekend for our events," Mendis said.

In honor of the classic film, here are six times Willy Wonka spoke like a true college student:

"And almost everything you'll see is eatable, edible. I mean, you can eat almost everything."

"So much time and so little to do. Wait a minute. Strike that. Reverse it."

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."

"Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker."

"Time is a precious thing. Never waste it."

"I'm terribly busy. A whole day wasted."



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Attendees of the event snacked on free candy, made arts and crafts and enjoyed a chocolate fountain. Students sat at tables to view the movies.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Welcome to Summoner's Rift: League of Legends at Stony Brook

By Justine Josue
Contributing Writer

A player shook the table as he slammed his fists down and cursed the defeat, but was then quickly immersed into a fit of laughter among his other defeated teammates. Ten minutes earlier, they had just met.

The energy runs high at the League of Legends Club here on campus. What started as a Facebook group has grown into a community like no other:

In the spring of 2014, senior computer science major Angela Mo and junior information systems major Kevin Wohlenberg responded to the interest expressed in the Facebook group and set their sights on creating the club.

"We wanted to find League of Legends a home at Stony Brook. There are so many people on campus who play the game already," Mo said.

At that time, the Facebook group had around 500 members. Now, it has nearly 1,000 members.

The club was formalized in the fall of 2014 and now holds meetings on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. in Humanities 1003.

The demand for its creation should come as no surprise. According to riotgames.com, 27 million people play League of Legends each day, making it the most played PC game in the world by far.

This popularity has translated well into the club's attendance.

Despite being relatively new, the attendance is commonly 60 to 80 members per meeting, and has

gone as high as 147.

That day, they overflowed into another room.

Just what has people so addicted?

"I've been playing for a couple years... and I still feel like, in every game, I can improve," sophomore computer science major Taran Carim, a general body member, said. "There's a lot of development when you're playing the game and I think that's what I like the most. I'm glad that we have this club, and I'm especially glad that it's grown so much... It definitely has a much more social atmosphere this year, and I think that's a big reason why I come back to it each week."

Junior civil engineering major Andrew Brennan, the club's competitive team organizer, commented.

"The atmosphere is great. Everyone's talking back and forth, playfully yelling to the other people they're playing against," Brennan said. "Everyone seems to enjoy communicating and that's a great thing to have. Especially inside a game that's meant to be in a computer. Here, you see the face behind the screen."

A quick scan around the room revealed a great display of diversity.

"It breaks down a lot of the stereotypes about gaming," sophomore human evolutionary biology major Layne Mapes, vice president of the club, said. "You get so many people in here. You have people who are in marching band, or are doing mechanical engineering, doing chemistry, public relations, sororities, fraternities. They all just have a mutual interest. It's not like the



MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Team Fusion competing against Team Dignitas during a broadcasted League of Legends tournament event to qualify for the North American LCS league at Riot Games studio.

preconceived gaming culture. This is an example of people who love to be social."

The League of Legends club strives to be as inclusive as possible.

This year, the club is implementing a mentoring program in which people can come with little to no knowledge of the game and be guided by an experienced League of Legends player.

Another incentive for attending the meetings is the physical merchandise that is often awarded by Riot Games, the publisher of League of Legends.

The company has also established competitive collegiate

tournaments for scholarship opportunities and prize giveaways.

"The benefits of having this club, in the long run, is that it will be recognized as an eSport and that will open up potential for others to join in and participate in tournaments nationally, playing for scholarships," sophomore physics and math major Sanjay Singh, the event coordinator, said.

There is a competition, North American Collegiate Championship also known as NACC. Players train extensively for these tournaments.

At the NACC, for example, teams compete playing League of Legends and individual players

can win up to \$30,000 in scholarship money.

Essentially, playing video games could potentially pay for tuition. That must be every gamers dream.

"There are a lot of times where everything seems very revolutionary, things seem new, people think it's odd," Brennan said.

"But everything grows at some point. Especially with things like scholarship tournaments such as the NACC and CSL, this is a great area for all schools to participate in. And I want us to hopefully be the frontrunner for the Long Island area."

Meditation in Motion

By Courtney Kwong
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University offers a variety of fitness classes at the Campus Recreation Center, from boxing to belly dancing.

But with all the fast paced moving and running out of breath, sometimes winding down may be beneficial to a hectic routine.

Yoga is one of the popular fitness classes at the rec center. The class offers an hour of practicing poses, relaxing and getting in touch with yourself—physically, mentally and spiritually.

"It's a change of pace, as opposed to exertion," Bart Sweeney, a rugby player and commuter at Stony Brook University said. "At the end of the class, I feel more at peace with my mind and life."

The class is taught on Mondays and Wednesdays by Patricia D'Angelo. She is a certified yoga instructor through the Indo-American Yoga-Vedanta Society.

This society was founded in D'Angelo studied under world-renowned yoga master, Swami Bua. She started teach-

ing to pass on Bua's system and practice.

Since then, she has taught yoga for over twenty years, and almost ten years at Stony Brook University.

"Yoga is for everybody," D'Angelo said. "You just have to find what works for you."

She encourages everyone to try yoga as long as they are learning the poses correctly for safer practice and injury prevention.

Stony Brook's recreation center has five yoga classes each week.

Classes include YogaFit, Yoga Toning and Yoga, taught by D'Angelo.

Roughly 30 members to the capacity of 45 come to each class, Genesis Taveras said.

Taveras is a staff member at the facility and records the people who enroll and participate in the class.

When the doors open, students file in the room and spread themselves apart with the yoga mats provided.

Lights are off, as are shoes. Soft music plays in the background.

Dalia Huraj commutes from



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The Campus Recreation Center, above, offers a variety of classes, including yoga. Students are welcome to attend the hour-long yoga classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Syosset. Though it was her first time attending D'Angelo's class, it was not her first yoga class.

"Since it's included in tuition, might as well not buy a gym membership," Huraj said.

During the semester, she puts her New York Sports Club membership on hold, and takes advantage of the "free" classes.

Many yoga studios cost anywhere from \$10 to \$20 per class. Since the recreation center is a

part of Stony Brook University tuition, many students are happy to take advantage of these classes.

Other students attend rec center classes for their health and wellness. Joanne So is a regular at D'Angelo's class, and has been attending since last semester.

She had injured her back three weeks ago but says that yoga has been healing the pain and performance of it.

Yoga is recognized to have

improved bone health, as well as posture, joints, immunity, blood flow and blood pressure, to name a few.

"It's definitely strengthened my back," So says. "With practice, the stronger you will find yourself," she says about the yoga poses.

The hour-long class explores a

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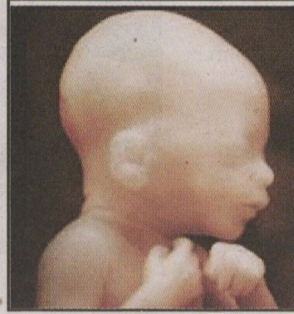
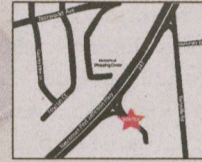
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Fitness classes get students moving

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variety of poses: standing, on the floor and on your stomach.

D'Angelo will demonstrate the poses as the class follows along.

She directs the students struggling and sometimes guides them into their position, but never without a polite "Is it okay if I touch you?"

Koey Cheung, a senior resident at Stony Brook University, started attending D'Angelo's classes this semester and has come almost every Monday.

"Patricia is very experienced," Cheung says. "You should come," she encouraged.

The Rec Center offers a variety of fitness classes for students to participate in and for all different skill levels.

The Rec Center offers a bunch of new classes like "Pump Up the Bhangara," and belly dancing. Bhangara is a type of music combining Punjabi folk traditions with Western pop music.

Classic pilates and Ab attack classes are being offered as well. Students can break a sweat this semester in all different ways.



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The Recreation Center offers dance, cardio, strength and core, mind and body, and self defense classes seven days a week. Students must register for classes 24 hours in advance.

An inside look at New York Comic Con

By Courtney Kwong
Contributing Writer

New York Comic Con was held at the Javits Center in New York City on Oct. 8 to Oct. 11.

Passionate fans have waited almost all year for the convention.

New York Comic Con is an annual multi-genre fan convention that is dedicated to comics, anime, manga, video games, movies, television shows and toys.

It first started in 2006 and is a three-four day event.

People near and far traveled to the Javits Center to be a part of the annual gathering.

Cosplayers roam around the venue meeting with others who share the same passion.

Guest celebrities were scheduled to talk to fans at panels, and even sign autographs.

Kiosks and booths were open to fans. Providing everything from novelty items and collectible figurines to clothes.

Four days is just not enough for Comin Con goers to take it all in.

"My favorite part about Com-

ic-Con is the people that get together once a year and dress up and have fun, look at the comics, meet up and talk about fan theories," Peter Liang, 19, said. "I loved seeing the culture behind people who have the same interest," he added.

Indeed, there are many circles of crowds scattered around, sharing their favorite comics and characters.

Most of the people there are dressed in full costume.

"I spent almost \$200 on this outfit," Christina Gonzalez, 28, said, as she showed off her Card-captor Sakura outfit.

The outfit was completed with a prop: her staff that was almost as tall as her.

"Last year, I spent more than \$300 on Sailor Moon," Gonzalez said.

She, as well as many others are committed to their passion.

However, some fans, though passionate, do not always dress up in costume.

Stony Brook Students joined in the fan festivities.

Stony Brook University students Idalia Velez, 21, only came with an Akatsuki shirt from the



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An entry at a qualifier for the Gunpla Builders World Cup at New York Comic Con in Manhattan. The winner at NYCC will become a semi-finalist for the tournament.

manga, Naruto.



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Comic Con attendees cosplaying as Iron Man, left, and Captain America, right, on Friday at the Javits Center in Manhattan. Both superheroes are from the Marvel comics.

Velez went to see Masashi Kishimoto on Friday, while her roommate, Dani Libasci, 21, went for the merchandise.

"I think it's cool to have a bunch of nerds be able to freely express themselves in one central hub, and it gives people a reason to celebrate," Velez said.

These "nerds" come and meet up with people they have met previously or online. They reconnect over their shared love with friends all over New York.

"You have to be a certain kind of crazy to be here," Josh Gray, 27, said.

"I'm just mildly crazy."

Gray is the manager of one of the biggest vendors at the court.

He represents Tri-Force, a manufacturer of high-end collectibles featured at Comic Con.

These creative Comic Con fans make exact replicas of items from video games and comics.

Tri-Force which started as a small corner vendor in the beginning, sets up for all four days of the event.

Now, Tri-Force is located in the center of the arena, taking

up a 60-by-30 foot space.

"I came few years ago and was introduced to Tri-Force and was hired after," Gray recalled.

He was introduced by a friend and was hired from Pennsylvania.

Besides fan meetings and celebrity sightings, Comic Con is also a panel for job.

Comic Con culture has allowed many people to join together and freely express their love and passion.

Though the fans have been labeled "nerds" and "geeks," they find it is reassuring to know that thousands of people of all different backgrounds and ages have the same interest.

The event brings people the opportunity to meet and greet celebrities as well as meeting up with other cosplayers.

In the meantime, Comic Confans will continue to watch their anime, read their mangas and play their games.

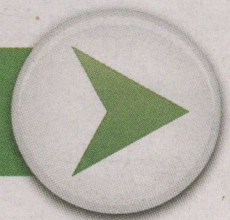
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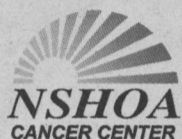
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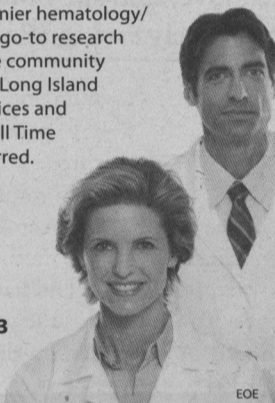
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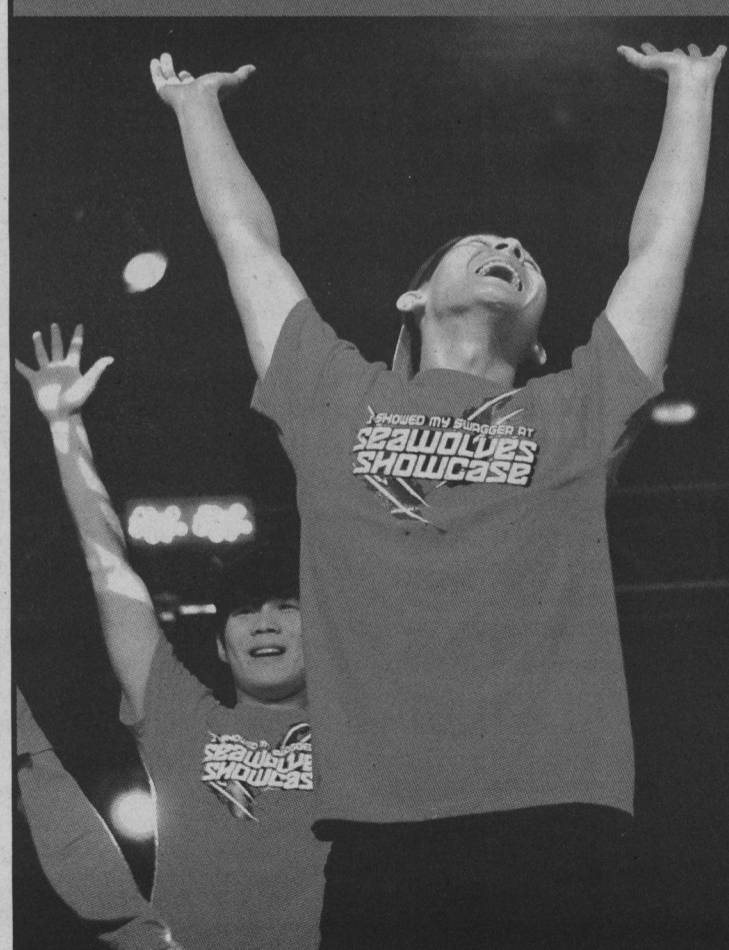


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OPINIONS

My abortion was the best decision I made



Briana Finneran, above, said she does not regret her abortion and is happier than she's ever been. Approximately one in 10 women will have an abortion before the age of 20.

By Briana Finneran
Copy Chief

On Sept. 29, 2015, The Stony Brook Independent chose to publish an opinions piece titled "A Counter Perspective To The Pro-Planned Parenthood Argument." On Sept. 30, 2015, the piece was brought to my attention, and I lost all respect for The Independent and its ability to make sound and ethically-based journalistic judgments.

I have been Copy Chief of The Statesman for nearly a year and a half. I like to think that I have—by virtue of spending nearly every waking moment in that basement office with journalistically-inclined peers as day turns to night (and most of the time, back into day again)—gained for myself a solid sense of what ethical journalism is, and certainly what it is not.

I initially planned to systematically dismantle every claim made in the piece. I planned to rip apart its use of sources that were anything but objective and the wild leaps of logic that somehow equated Nazi Germany to a veritable haven for women when it comes to convenient and affordable health care. I was particularly mortified by The Independent's choice to publish a piece that included "facts" and "statistics" that, with less than a minute of research, one could easily discredit. I wanted to use this article to deliver the clinical truth.

But I am much bigger than that. I offer a perspective on this issue—a raw, emotional truth—that the author never made any effort to include. And I have a voice that refuses to be silenced by shame any longer.

I am a woman who is standing up and saying "I had an abortion, and it was the best decision I ever made."

I found out I was pregnant in November of 2010, and I can't even say that that was my lowest

moment. That was the year that my parents announced to their three wide-eyed daughters that they would be divorcing. That was the year that we lost the home that my mother herself had grown up in and had to find a new one. That was the year that I was still so broken on the inside that I dealt with my issues by hurting myself on the outside.

I'll be the first to admit that at 16, I was a complete and utter mess, disenchanted with the world around me and realizing that I was not as invincible as I thought I was.

And then there was the universe seemingly punishing me again for one stupid mistake.

To make matters worse, my partner and I were anything but stable. Middle-to-high school sweethearts, we were the couple that everyone joked would one day get married. When we failed to meet those expectations, we grew to resent one another so deeply that every day was like walking on eggshells.

So when I sat down at my kitchen table with my mother and my partner to discuss my options, I felt like I was in control for the first time when I said "I think I want to keep it."

Like I said, 16-year-old me wasn't exactly the most logical.

I was fortunate enough to have had (and still have) a family that supports damn near everything I do, but one that would call me out if the decisions I had made were not the best. And though I'll never admit it to her face, my mother is the smartest woman I have ever met, and her opinion has never steered me wrong. When she questioned my resignation to carry this baby and keep it, I couldn't lie; as sick as it was, my 16-year-old self viewed this baby as my ticket to the security I craved. This baby would be the glue that bonded my partner and I together, and there was no way we would end up like my parents.

At 21, I realize how utterly

wrong this mindset was. At 16, I was a ball of myopic emotion.

In December of 2010, I walked into a Planned Parenthood clinic and had a surgical abortion. I'd be lying if I said that that day has ever left me; when you are forced to see what was ultimately the product of you and the person you thought you were going to be with forever coming together on a grainy black and white sonogram picture, the decision to depart with that creation growing inside you is made infinitely more difficult.

But I'd also be lying if I said I would change anything about my experience. Nearly five years after my abortion, I am happier than I have ever been. I conquered my depression and my self-harming tendencies. I graduated high school in the top 10 percent of my class, got into Stony Brook as a University Scholar and discovered what I am meant to do with my life. And, none of that would have ever been possible if I had followed my selfish and desperate teenage desires. My baby would have been born to parents that were far from ready to raise it and that were held together only by shared biological obligation.

I can think of nothing more selfish than forcing my baby to endure that.

I write this article with a multitude of expectations. I expect to receive a lot of criticism for admitting that I had an abortion, and even more for admitting that I regret absolutely nothing about what I chose to do. I expect that I may lose friends. I'm sure that I will walk around campus for the next few weeks with a sense of apprehension, wondering if anyone knows what was, up until this point, my biggest secret.

But above all that, I have one hope: that someone out there reads this article and is able to find comfort in it. By the age of 20, one in 10 women will have had an abortion. It's about damn time we started talking about it.

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Understanding Mars' wetness: What's so important about this discovery?

By Timothy Sarro
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As you may have heard, there's water on Mars. Awesome! Except we kind of already knew that, and the water is more like a muddy brine and it's full of corrosive, toxic salts, but still, pretty awesome.

So what's the big deal about there being water on Mars?

Scientists recently published a paper in the journal *Nature Geoscience* entitled "Spectral Evidence for Hydrated Salts in Recurring Slope Lineae on Mars." That sounds like pretty complicated science talk, but it's simpler than it sounds and, despite my comments earlier, this discovery is a huge breakthrough for understanding our red neighbor.

Like I said, we've known about water on Mars for a while—frozen water is all over its poles. But this time, the water is liquid.

Mars is pretty cold, well below zero degrees Fahrenheit on average, so water usually stays frozen on the surface. Although the temperature on Earth can be warm enough to melt ice, Mars is different.

Earth's atmosphere applies enough pressure to keep water in liquid form at average Earth temperatures, but not too much pressure to flatten us into mush. Mars' atmosphere, however, is one hundred times thinner than Earth's.

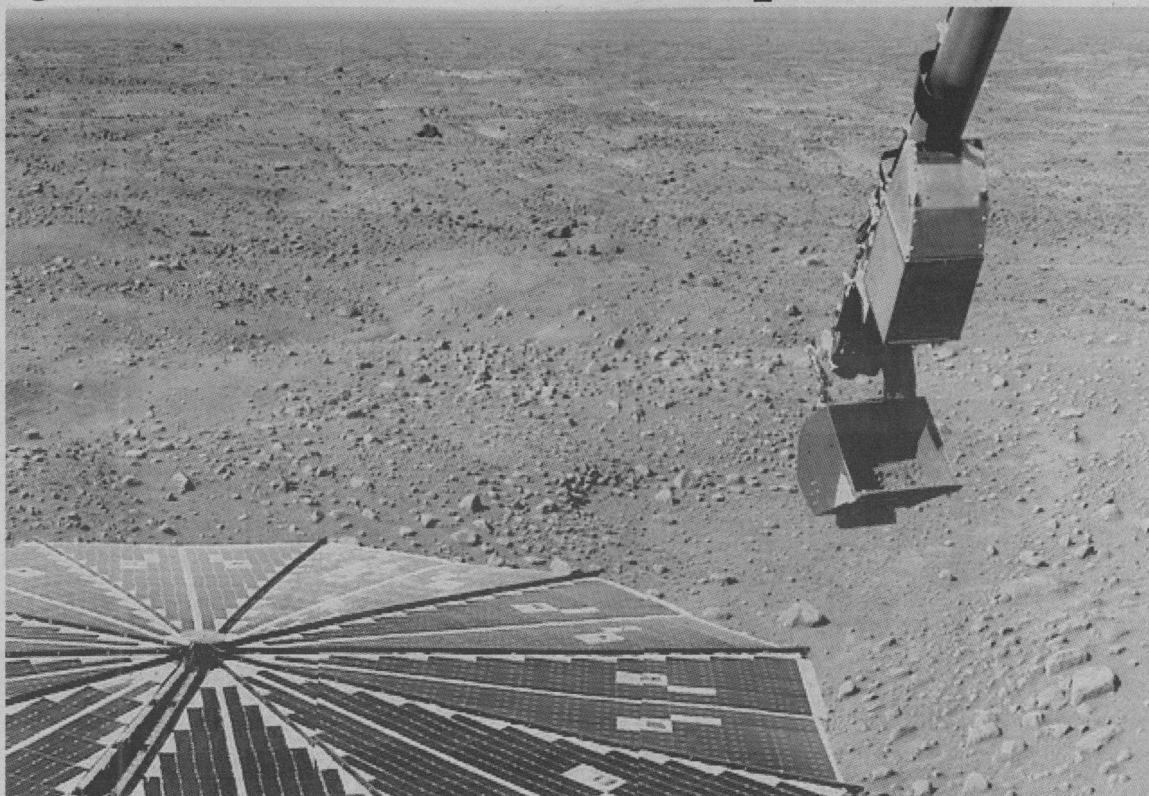


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Scientists recently found evidence of liquid water on Martian mountains. Even though it's more like muddy saltwater, this discovery raises the question: could there be life on Mars?

At such low pressures, liquid water turns immediately to vapor, unless you have some salt laying around.

Have you ever wondered why salt is put down when it snows? Salt lowers the melting point of water and the pressure at which water evaporates, meaning salt water will stay liquid at colder temperatures and lower pressures than normal water. Salts that occur naturally and abundantly on the Martian surface have the same effects. But let's make something clear—the

liquid water on Mars is more like a muddy brine. There are no lakes, rivers, or even puddles on Mars.

And don't think you can season your fries with Martian salts, either. These are perchlorate salts, not the chloride salts we eat. Perchlorates are toxic to humans and they mess with your thyroid gland. Now, how did they find this toxic salty mud brine in the first place? Understanding the paper's title might help us.

The title, again, is "Spectral evi-

dence for hydrated salts in recurring slope lineae on Mars." Recurring slope lineae, or RSL for short, are pretty much just dark lines in the Martian soil we can see running down mountain slopes.

"Spectral evidence" refers to scientists using a spectrometer, a special camera that uses the wavelengths of light an object gives off to tell what that object is made of. "Hydrated salts" refers to the wet salts we talked about earlier. So the title translated to English reads,

"Special cameras say dark soil lines running down mountains on Mars have wet salts in them."

The scientist can see these lines, the RSL, using the HiRISE (High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment) camera on the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a satellite orbiting the planet. We see them run down the sides of mountains until the seasons turn colder. When the lines are visible, scientists use a spectrometer to determine the RSLs are made of hydrated-perchlorates, those wet toxic salts.

Though bad for us, many tiny organisms prosper in these types of salty environments, or any environment for that matter. We often call these organisms "extremophiles" because they can survive almost anywhere, even in the soul-crushing vacuum of space. Knowing of such creatures, we come to the question you've probably been thinking about this whole time: Is there life on Mars?

Sorry, we honestly don't know. Of course, we could send our friend, the Mars Curiosity Rover, to check it out for us, but that might actually be a bad idea. Some stow-away Earth bacteria remains on Curiosity. If Curiosity went to one of these RSL sites, the Earth bacteria could contaminate the sample, or even contaminate the entire RSL.

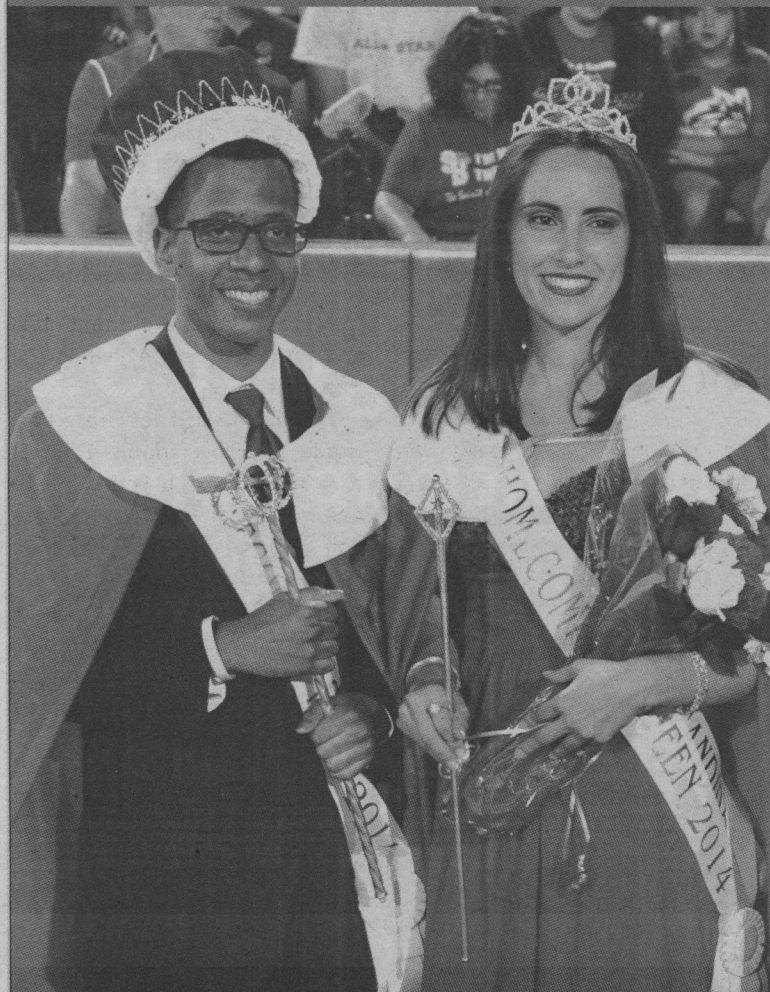
It might be best to wait on the life question for a bit, but you can bet we want that answer soon. For now, though, let's just appreciate how cool Mars can be.



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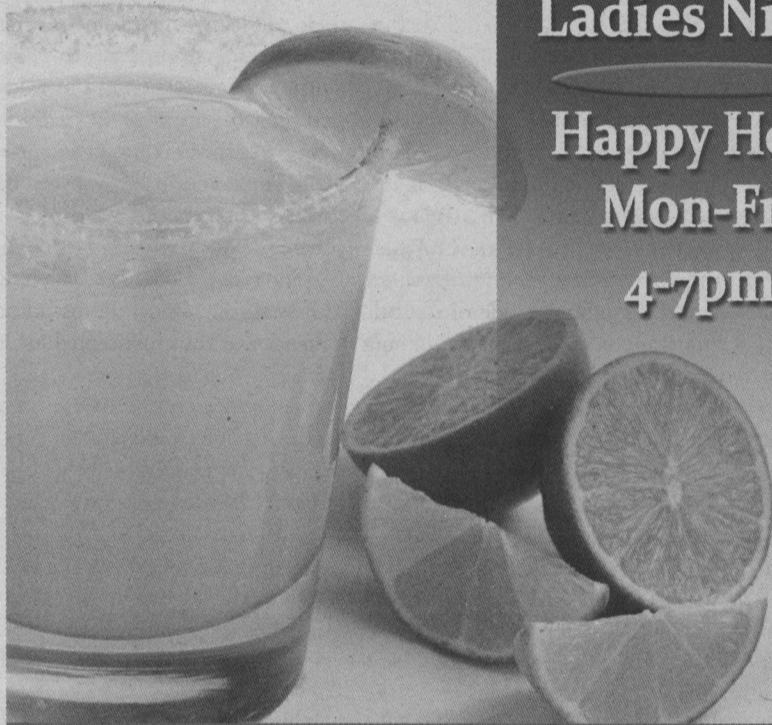
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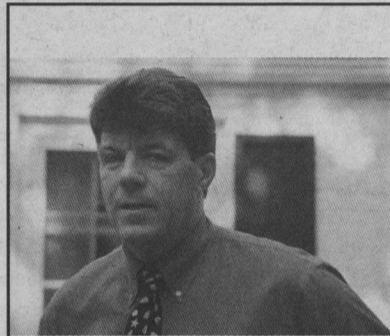
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Caray, Coleman making themselves at home on "The Shark"

By Chris Gaine
Assistant Sports Editor

In May, Stony Brook Athletics reached a deal with Connoisseur Media to have its football games broadcast across Long Island on 94.3 "The Shark."

The broadcasts have paired a child of sports broadcasting royalty and a nine-year NFL veteran in the booth to call Stony Brook's games.

Josh Caray, the grandson of Hall-of-Fame Chicago Cubs announcer Harry Caray and the son of longtime Atlanta Braves announcer Skip Caray, handles play-by-play duties.

"While my last name might raise some eyebrows," Caray said. "It's talent at the end of the day that carries you."

His color-commentary counterpart is ex-NFL safety Erik Coleman, who played with the New York Jets, Atlanta Falcons and Detroit Lions from 2004-2012.

"Now that I'm not playing anymore, [broadcasting] lets me stay close to football," Coleman said. "The game's been good to me."

Despite two very different journeys to the broadcast booth, each broadcaster seems to be enjoying Stony Brook's first year on commercial radio airwaves.

The two are both working their way up the sports broadcasting industry ladder.

Caray knew he wanted to get into the family business at a young age, as he watched his father call Braves games during the team's heyday in the '90s.

"I was fortunate to grow up in Atlanta where my dad was the voice of the Braves," Caray said. "And I pretty much knew I wasn't going to be an athlete early on, so to see [the Braves] succeed and to see my dad follow them on a daily basis helped push me into wanting to do that one day."

Unlike Caray, Coleman did not always seek to be a broadcaster.

"Many people in the media told me I had a bright future in broadcasting," Coleman said. "But I always thought I would coach after I was done playing."

Eventually, a piece of advice from his wife made him consider a post-football career in media.

"My wife told me I should start broadcasting," Coleman said. "When we started dating, she didn't know much about football, so I would try to explain the game to her and I would simplify things by putting them into layman's terms."

Although Caray and Coleman had different paths to Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium's press box, each had prior experience behind the microphone.

Caray has served in a variety of local broadcasting jobs over the past decade, but it was on one station where he made a connection that would later bring him to Stony Brook.

"[Stony Brook Assistant Athletics Director for Communications] Brian Miller and I go back a little bit," Caray said. "He was the Head

Director for Basketball Communications at Tulane University, and I was the producer and studio host for Tulane football and basketball. So I talked to him on a pretty regular basis and we always stayed in touch. When this job opened up, he gave me a call."

Coleman's first broadcasting gig came while he was still playing with the Falcons during the 2010 season.

He hosted "Rollin' with Coleman," a series of short interviews with teammates for the team's website.

"It was tough talking into the microphone at first," Coleman said of his first broadcasting job. "But I had some great interviews with guys like Tony Gonzalez and Mike Peterson who were great teammates. I really enjoyed it."

After retirement, he picked up his first true broadcasting job as a studio analyst on "Jets Post Game Live" on SNY in 2014.

A year later, he was hired at Stony Brook for his first job announcing live games.

Coleman utilizes his nine years of NFL experience in these settings, although he is still getting used to the specifics of being a broadcaster after a lengthy career on the gridiron.

"As a safety, formation and route recognition come natural," Coleman said. "I still have a lot to learn in the press box, but I'm taking it day by day."

Now that they officially make up Stony Brook's broadcasting tandem, they appear to be enjoying each other's company while calling Seawolves football.

"His knowledge of the game is really impressive," Caray said of Coleman. "He sees everything laid out before the ball is even snapped. So for me, a guy whose career ended in high school, it's great to have someone with that type of knowledge adding to our broadcast."

Coleman also sings the praises of his co-pilot, calling him a "true professional."

"It's been amazing working with him," Coleman said of Caray. "I don't even have to work in the booth calling games, to me it just feels like a conversation. He's a true professional; working with him makes me want to step my game up."

After the football season is over, Caray will call Stony Brook Men's Basketball games on WHLI-AM 1370.

"When you look at the basketball team, they are primed and ready to go," Caray said. "Things are great at Stony Brook, and they're only going to get better."

Coleman will continue his duties with Stony Brook on Saturdays and SNY on Sundays for the remainder of this football season.

While he says he enjoys broadcasting, he is at least open to the future possibility of becoming a coach as he had previously planned.

"I still keep in contact with my coaches, so that door is still open," Coleman said. "I love teaching and explaining the game. It's been very good to me."

Football looks to rebound from two straight losses

By Skyler Gilbert
Staff Writer

Coming off its much-needed bye week, Stony Brook will host Towson in a Saturday night Homecoming bout at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Stony Brook (2-2, 1-2 CAA) is on a two-game losing streak, with road losses versus William & Mary and James Madison, and looks to reverse fortunes against Towson (2-3, 0-2).

The Tigers, who were Football Championship Subdivision runners-up in 2013, have had a disappointing 2015 season so far.

Like the Seawolves, the Tigers are also on a two-game losing streak, including a 51-30 defeat on Saturday at the hands of James Madison.

Towson's offense is averaging 25.4 points per game this season and is led by senior quarterback Connor Frazier.

Frazier has six touchdowns this season and has thrown for 951 passing yards, fifth in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The athletic quarterback has impressive versatility as well, having racked up 249 rushing yards this season. In his sophomore season, Frazier was used as a wide receiver, catching seven passes in the 2013 FCS title game.

If last year's meeting is any indication, however, Stony Brook will be able to stymie Towson's offense.

In an October game one year ago, the Seawolves defeated the Tigers 14-3 on the road, holding the potent Frazier to just 137 yards through the air.

In the ground game, Towson will look to junior running back Darius Victor, who has 500 yards and seven touchdowns through five games.

Stony Brook is looking to rebound



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After starting 2-0, the Seawolves have fallen in two straight games and look to bounce back against Towson on Saturday.

from back-to-back dismal performances from its rushing defense, something highly uncharacteristic of a Chuck Priore team. Two games ago, William & Mary torched the Seawolves for 301 running yards. The next week against James Madison was not much better, as the Dukes accumulated 294 yards on the ground.

On the offensive side of the ball, Stony Brook may again be without star running back Stacey Bedell.

The junior Massachusetts transfer was sidelined against James Madison with a nagging shoulder injury, and his return is questionable for the match-up against Towson.

If Bedell cannot play Saturday, the Seawolves will use a running-back-by-committee approach, as they did in the game against James Madison. Sophomore Donald Liotine and freshmen Isaiah White and Travis Liburd all saw action against the Dukes. The trio combined for 72 yards rushing in the loss.

Under center, freshman Joe Carbone has emerged as a potent dual-threat quarterback for Stony Brook. Carbone, who has been splitting time with senior Conor Bednarski this sea-

son, passed for 132 yards last game, while rushing for 41 yards. Carbone picked up several critical first downs rushing the football on read-option plays in the game.

Carbone and Bednarski will look to have big games against a Towson team whose pass defense has been shaky this season. The Tigers have allowed nine touchdowns through the air and have intercepted just two passes.

Saturday's homecoming matchup has potential to be the most attended game in Stony Brook history.

Each of the past four seasons' homecoming football games have set new attendance records, with last season's game against William & Mary setting the current record of 11,301.

In front of a packed house, Stony Brook finds itself with a critical mid-season matchup.

After the Towson game, the schedule becomes considerably easier for the Seawolves.

With a win, Stony Brook would be well-positioned to make a run to the FCS playoffs, something the school has not done since 2012.

Fritz, Erdei record goals, but defense falters in loss

By Dylan Moore
Staff Writer

Stony Brook men's soccer fell to 1-1 in America East play in a 3-2 loss to New Hampshire.

Goals from sophomore forward Vince Erdei and senior midfielder Alejandro Fritz provided the offense for Stony Brook.

Fritz scored his first goal of this season in the 13th minute of the match, assisted by Erdei.

This goal gave the Seawolves their only lead of the match, which only lasted three minutes.

The Wildcats evened the score at one goal apiece in the 16th minute when A.J. Albers found the net on a pass from Chris Arling.

The Wildcats would go on to score twice more in the first half, taking a 3-1 lead over the Seawolves.

The second New Hampshire score came in the 26th minute of the match when Fazal Nabi found the net unassisted.

Then in the 44th minute, Chris Wingate scored on a penalty kick, his fifth goal of the season.

The Stony Brook offense showed signs of life early in the second half of the match, taking four shots in the first



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SBU senior midfielder Alejandro Fritz (No. 10, above) scored his first goal of the season in Thursday's game.

five minutes, with two of them being on goal.

But no one could connect with the net until Erdei scored unassisted in the 74th minute.

It was the sophomore's fifth score of the season.

The Wildcats outshot the Seawolves in the first period 7-4, but the two teams were matched for the remainder of the match, each tallying seven shots.

Eight of New Hampshire's shots were on target, compared with six for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook's senior goalkeeper Jason Orban recorded five saves during the game.

He allowed three goals for the

third time this season. Ryan Carpenter had four saves of his own on the match.

Three Wildcats were issued yellow cards, all in the second half and two within one minute of each other.

Only one was given to a Seawolf, freshman defender Rickel Dixon.

Stony Brook will look to bounce back this Wednesday as the Seawolves travel to New England to take on the UMass Lowell River Hawks.

After that, they return home to LaValle Stadium on Sunday to take on the Vermont Catamounts.

SPORTS

Volleyball's winning streak ends with 3-2 loss against Albany

By Skyler Gilbert and Kunal Kohli
Staff Writers

After an electrifying match on Sunday that saw the Seawolves on the verge of a comeback, Pritchard Gym fell silent as Albany snapped Stony Brook's four-game winning streak and took the match 3-2, with set totals of 25-23, 25-23, 14-25, 25-27 and 15-9.

Stony Brook may have fallen, but a dramatic fourth set was quite possibly the best set the Seawolves have played all season. Both teams struggled to break the lead wide open. Long volleys proved to be a test in conditioning for each team.

Albany tied the game up at 25 after redshirt senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher's 24th of her 29 kills on the day gave the Seawolves a one-point lead. The tension thickened in the air as Albany went to serve.

A long, intense volley ensued. Both sides went at it, until the ball hit the top of Pritchard Gym and landed on Stony Brook's side. Freshman middle blocker Taylor Wilson hit a pass that went awry and nearly landed out. Redshirt senior libero Lo Hathaway was there to save the ball with a backwards, diving hit that went over the net.

The Great Danes responded quickly, but Fletcher was there with a vicious spike to put the Seawolves at set point.

"I get really excited during those plays," Fletcher said. "Our defense just got crazy touches on it. When we're playing scrappy like that, as long as we out hustle them and keep putting pressure on them, we can last longer than they can."

Senior middle blocker Stephanie McFadden sealed the set with a block, giving Stony Brook the set 27-25.

While the fourth game set the



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Seawolves players sprawl on the floor in an attempt to dig.

Seawolves up for a comeback, their victory in the third set gave them the ammunition to do so. Albany could not handle Stony Brook's well-oiled machine as the Seawolves took it 25-14. Fletcher got her 250th kill of the season in the third as well.

"We just talked about us taking control and us handling our side," head coach Coley Pawlikowski said. "That was a big thing, rather than getting frustrated or letting things happen to us, just taking control and flipping points...it was just taking the control back."

Fletcher certainly did take control of the game. Her 29 kills were a new career high, as she exploded for 9 of them in the second set. But Stony Brook could not capitalize on Fletcher's clinic, as they dropped the set 23-25.

Much like the second set, Stony Brook dropped the first set 25-23. But rather than relying on a single player, the Seawolves saw their kills spread as five players registered kills. The Great Danes' four-point run ended the first set as Albany took it 25-23.

The final set was amiss in comparison to the first four. Although the Seawolves were riding a wave of mo-

mentum entering the fifth set, they could not get anything going for them as attack errors were abound. Albany got off to an early lead and maintained it as they took the set 15-9 and the match 3-2.

After a slow start on Friday, the volleyball team found its focus and cruised in straight sets over visiting Binghamton by a score of 25-21, 25-18, 25-23. The victory marked the Seawolves' fourth consecutive sweep and gave them a 3-0 America East record before the Albany loss.

However, the Bearcats came out of the gates with a lot of energy and used an 11-1 run to give themselves a 12-6 first set lead.

"Today when we trailed [in the first set], we never lost confidence, we never lost focus," Fletcher said. "We came back by playing our type of volleyball."

Stony Brook took the lead in the first set at 19-18 off of a pair of aces from Wilson. Fletcher slammed a kill from the left flank at 24-21 and the very next point, she hit an ace to give the Seawolves the opening set.

The kill was just one of Fletcher's 16 in the match. Coupled with just two attack errors, it was the most efficient game of the season

for Fletcher, who hit .424 in the match. Fletcher has 233 kills to lead the conference this season, but she credited her teammates for Friday's success.

"When we're able to pass, and we start running our middles, it opens up our outsides a lot," Fletcher said. "When we're running around our middles, the [opponent] blockers don't know where to go. That lets me have more opportunities to score out there, which is pretty nice."

Stony Brook controlled the rest of the match, running its offense in spectacular fashion. The Seawolves were particularly dominant in the second set, when they hit for a sizzling .485 percentage.

"We stayed in system a lot and our attackers did a really good job of putting themselves in good position," Pawlikowski said. "They took much smarter shots, much smarter swings tonight... We were getting a lot of high hands and hitting corners. It was good to see it come together."

Freshman middle blocker McKyla Brooks continued her torrid rookie campaign with nine kills and one error.

Sophomore middle blocker Kristella Morina had a perfect night for the Bearcats, spiking nine kills without an error. Morina was also a force at the service stripe, where she hit three aces.

Freshman outside hitter Erin Shultz chipped in ten kills for Binghamton, while junior libero Bailey Walker had nine digs, tying the match-high with Stony Brook senior libero Hathaway.

Senior setter Nicole Vogel had 33 assists and six digs for the Seawolves. Stony Brook has not lost a set since Vogel was put in as setter following freshman Morgan Kath's ankle injury on September 25.

The Seawolves had not won four consecutive straight-set matches since 2002, when Stony Brook swept Providence, Bucknell, St. Francis and Sacred Heart.

"For me, it's not about the sweeps, it's that we're getting better every single match," Pawlikowski said. "Our tough non-conference schedule prepared us for where we are now."

The Seawolves continue conference play when they take on Hartford on the road on Oct. 16 and New Hampshire on Oct. 17.



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SBU senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher (above, No. 8) recorded 28 kills on the day, including her 250th of the year.

After slump, Women's Soccer levels AE record with two straight wins

By Tim Oakes and Erol Ozkumru
Contributing Writers

Senior forward Raven Edwards converted on a penalty kick late in the game in the 86th minute to give the Stony Brook Seawolves the 3-2 victory against the New Hampshire Wildcats on Sunday afternoon at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

New Hampshire entered the contest at 4-0 in America East play, alone in first place.

The Seawolves got off to a quick start against the first-place Wildcats when senior forward Tessa Devereaux gave the Seawolves a 1-0 lead in the third minute, as she right-footed a shot inside to the far post past New Hampshire's junior goalie Mimi Borkan. Edwards continued to produce for Stony Brook when she stole the ball from Borkan and scored in the ninth minute to give the Seawolves a 2-0 lead early in the match.

After being shut out in the first half, the Wildcats cut the Seawolves' lead in the 70th minute, when freshman midfielder Gaby Dorsey deflected sophomore midfielder Brooke Murphy's free kick.

In the 85th minute, Murphy tied up the game when she kicked the ball out in the left corner of the net to tie the game.

Not long after New Hampshire tied the game, Edwards was fouled in the box by Wildcats senior midfielder Kirsten O'Neil to give the Seawolves a chance to take the lead back. Stony Brook's leading scorer did not let her team down, converting on the PK to give her team the 3-2 lead in the 86th minute.

"I owe it to my teammates we have finally got our rhythm and the only difference is now we were executing," Edwards said about her current hot streak.

The Seawolves are now 2-2 overall in conference play after Sunday's game and now will prepare for Thursday, when they go on the road to Binghamton as they continue to push for playoffs with only four games left. The Seawolves have struggled this season on the road, going 0-3-0.

"We're going to change that on Thursday that is our plan to put a little notch for a road win for us," Ryan said.

Stony Brook Women's Soccer collected its first conference



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Senior midfielder Tessa Devereaux, (No. 5, above) scored the opening goal of today's match, her second of the season.

win Thursday night at LaValle Stadium, defeating the Albany Great Danes 2-0.

Edwards provided the Seawolves with their first goal of the night in the seventh minute.

Following the score, Edwards was part of each of the last five Stony Brook goals. Additionally, she almost had a second-goal on clear path shot that narrowly missed.

Senior forward Emily Murrer ended Edwards' goal streak with her score in the 61st minute. The goal was Murrer's second of the season.

"Can't say enough about Emily's goal because I think making it 2-0 really helped to relax us," Seawolves'

head coach Sue Ryan said.

The influx of goals provided more than enough cushion for junior goalie Emily Doherty, who provided the Seawolves with her greatest performance of her career. She recorded a career-high nine saves along with her first shutout and win in a Seawolves uniform.

In the 69th minute Albany's senior goalie Alana Brennan left the game after suffering from an apparent wrist or hand injury, as she walked off the field with her coaches and trainer holding her arm. Brennan was coincidentally replaced by another Alana, sophomore goalie Alana Olivieri.

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