

# THE STATESMAN

INFORMING STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Volume LX, Issue 2

Monday, September 5, 2016

sbstatesman.com

LOOK INSIDE FOR THE

## 2016 FALL SPORTS PREVIEW



The men's football team makes an entrance at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium before their first game of the season against North Dakota on Sept. 1. The Seawolves won 13-9 against the No. 19 Fighting Hawks.

ARACELY JIMENEZ / THE STATESMAN

## Students criticize new meal swipe system

By Matthew Yan  
Contributing Writer

It goes without saying that Campus Dining is an integral part of college life. Every day, scores of students stroll in and out of Roth Café, West Side Dining, Union Commons, Jasmine and of course, Starbucks.

Over the summer, many changes to the meal plans and dining options occurred in hopes of improving the dining experience, but some students aren't so happy about them.

The most drastic change by far is the change from a budgeting system to a meal swipe system. This system came about after a discussion between the Faculty Student Association and Campus Dining following complaints about the lack of community and perceived value of the available dining options at SBU, according to John Mele, head of Student Voice on Campus Dining (SVCD).

Now, instead of paying for individual dishes, at certain locations, students pay a fee at the door or simply use a meal swipe. In this all-you-can-eat system, students can eat as much as they want until they leave. An issue many students have is that they are required to eat within the confines of the building.

If students want to grab a quick bite they can buy items at retail locations. At those spots, they have to use cash, load up their cards with Dining Dollars via their meal plan or use Wolfie Wallet. These various retail options on campus such as Jasmine, Starbucks and the Union Deli continue to generate a steady flow of customers.

The meal swipe system is only available at three locations on campus — Roth Café, West Side Dining and Union Commons, which will eventually be replaced by East Side Dining.

After SBU's contract with its previous food provider expired last year, resulting in its current contract with Sodexo, some vendors across campus have also been replaced. Many shops such as Red Mango at Roth Café and the Taqueria and Far East stations in Union Commons have been replaced with other vendors, such as Saladworks and Cucina Italiana.

Many students are leaving negative comments and posts on social media about the new system.

Continued on page 3

## One reporter's near-deck experience ends in the hospital

By Jill Ryan  
Contributing Writer

Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity threw a party late on the night of Aug. 26 that ended with dozens of people, myself included, in free fall after the house's deck collapsed.

In the house on 15 Old Field Road in Setauket, all the windows were kept closed and all doors were kept guarded by AEPi members in order to keep the loud, partying students from attracting noise com-

plaints from neighbors. There were about 150-200 students cooped up in the hot three-story house. About 30 of us found our way to the deck outside.

"I mean it was really, really hot inside and so much cooler outside so the balcony had a good number of people like 25 or 30 ish probably," junior biochemistry major, Nerone Kiyoshi Douglas said in a Facebook message. According to Town of Brookhaven Fire Marshal Christopher J. Mehrman, approximately 50 people were on the deck.

I was talking with friends when suddenly there was a loud crunch and seconds later I and the other students fell 10 feet to the ground. After a few seconds I was able to stand. I was shaking, covered in dirt. I had scrapes up and down my left arm.

There was an unconscious girl underneath debris and other students were scrambling to get her out. Another girl was writhing in pain, rolling all over the ground. There was a boy bleeding from the head.

AEPi brothers made us go back inside as the police came.

According to Arthur Gerhauser, chief building inspector of the Town of Brookhaven, the failure of the deck was "at the ledger board, the connection of that ledger board to the house," but the deck was structurally sound — it just couldn't handle the amount of people on it.

"The home and the deck were constructed in 1973," Gerhauser said. "They both benefited from a

Continued on page 3

## Laundry prices cut by 20 percent after student feedback

By Jill Ryan  
Contributing Writer

Unlike the prices of tuition, textbooks and meal plans, laundry prices are going down.

This year, each machine costs \$1.40 to use as opposed to last year's \$1.75.

Undergraduate Student Government President Cole Lee announced last February that he was undertaking a free laundry initiative. While he didn't achieve free laundry, Lee worked with the Faculty Student Association and achieved a 20 percent decrease.

"FSA decided to make the following change because they understood that this was a critical

issue for students and would be an extremely beneficial change during a time where students face crippling amounts of student loan/debt, textbook costs being astronomical and the cost of living continues to rise," Lee said in an email.

The decrease in price was due to numerous requests from students and Lee, according to Angela Agnello, director of marketing and communications for FSA.

"Faculty Student Association (FSA) negotiated a lower rate with the company that provides laundry services on campus to decrease the cost to students," Agnello said in an email.

While some students are still

not satisfied, others are happy with the lower cost. Eugene Ko, a junior economics major, said the new price is reasonable because laundromats in New York City charge \$2.50-\$3.00 a wash.

"Some colleges, like St. Johns and Adelphi, offer free laundry machines but their dorm prices are significantly higher so I think [\$1.40] is pretty fair," Ko said.

On the other hand, Arthur Katsev, a business management major who graduated in 2016, thinks that it is ridiculous for the laundry to cost \$1.40 because the machines are small and often broken.

"I think that there should be a completely free or heavily subsidi-

dized laundry system (\$0.25 max) for student workers (food services, gym) who have required uniforms, aprons, shoes, etc so they can regularly wash their clothes without having to compromise cleanliness/hygiene in the work environment," Katsev said in a Facebook message.

The price is not the problem, according to Anika Weiss, a freshman journalism major. The real issue is the method of payment.

"My meal plan is unlimited, and I didn't know I had to set up Wolfie Wallet to do the laundry," Weiss said. "I have been using my roommate's card. I just wish they had a Visa thing or something so it wasn't such a hassle."



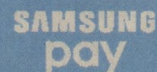
# Where Wolfie Banks

2 On-Campus Branches • 11 On-Campus ATMs



## SIMPLY FREE CHECKING

- FREE debit MasterCard®
- FREE of monthly fees
- No minimum account balance
- FREE online banking
- FREE mobile banking & app
- Send or receive money using Popmoney®
- Mobile check deposit
- UChoose Rewards®
- 55,000 Surcharge-FREE Allpoint® ATMs
- Digital Wallet from ISLAND



Catch the Wave to Better Banking<sup>SM</sup>

**OPEN AN ACCOUNT** online in minutes or visit the Student Activities Center Branch - Lower Level\* or Health Sciences Branch - Level 2\*



islandfcu.com • 631-851-1100

Membership eligibility applies. All offers subject to credit approval. \*The Student Activities Center and Health Sciences branches are open to students, faculty, staff and alumni of Stony Brook University.

Federally insured by NCUA.



# NEWS

## Sodexo plans to address campus dining issues

Continued from page 1

"University cafeterias aren't typically expected to have phenomenal food, but they're supposed to serve something more than food that is borderline edible," Hamza Syed, a junior computer science major, wrote on SBU Dining's Facebook page.

He isn't the only one. Students across campus have been vocal about the portion sizes and lack of variety at the dine-in locations.

"The amount of options has significantly decreased, the portions have gotten even smaller," said Nick Alicata, a sophomore economics major. "And the quality is a step above dog food at Roth and the Union."

Alicata also pointed out various other issues with the meal swipe system, primarily involving the dine-in aspect of the facilities.

Students are not able to view the options at dine-in facilities without paying first and they are forced to eat whatever is available.

For those who are not on the swipe system, door prices are also expensive and range from \$6.75 to as much as \$9.95 depending on when the meal is being eaten. Breakfast offers the cheapest dine-in price, while dinner is the most expensive. In addition, the lack of take-out options is especially difficult for students with busy schedules. Mele said that he "expected little and got less than expected."



MEGAN MILLER / STATESMAN FILE

### The new meal swipe system has caused frustration and anger among many Stony Brook University students.

Some complaints go beyond the culinary sphere.

"Taking away the budgeting aspect discourages students from being financially responsible," Erynn McLeod, a senior music major, wrote on the SBU Eats Facebook page.

Students are also required to relinquish their ID cards before entering bathrooms at certain locations in order to prevent other students from entering the dining area without paying.

"Having to turn in your ID before using the restroom is the equivalent of a bathroom pass and is belittling for young adults," McLeod continued.

Although the new system has been met with criticism, some options are more popular than others. But many students admit that they

simply go to the facility that is closest to them out of convenience.

Sodexo Global Senior Vice President of the Marketing Universities Segment, Bill Lacey, sent out an email on Sept. 1 assuring students that the dining issues are being addressed.

"We are committed to enhancing your new Dine-In experience every day," Lacey wrote in the email.

Students have even started a petition to change the system, and a sit-in is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sept. 7 at West Side Dining. Students can also contact the Student Voice for Campus Dining with any concerns, but Mele said this will take time.

"First, we have to see what is causing the problems," he said. "Otherwise it would be an issue of saying 'We want this better.'"

## Police Blotter

On Thursday, Aug. 25, at 3:00 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a bicycle from Melville Library. The case remains open.

On Friday, Aug. 26, at 10:23 a.m., an unknown individual hit a parked car in the Student Health Center parking lot and left the scene. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, at 9:28 p.m., police issued two student referrals to students allegedly smoking marijuana in Stimson College.

On Monday, Aug. 29, at 1:17 p.m., an individual reported that their bicycle had been stolen from Toscanini College. The individual declined to prosecute. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Aug. 29, at 5:00 p.m., police investigated a case of possible identity theft charges on a credit card at the Cancer Center Employee Break Room. The victim declined to prosecute. The case is now closed.

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7:52 p.m. an unknown individual allegedly stole one laptop from Ammann College. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 6:14 p.m., police responded to a report that cash had allegedly been stolen from a room in Ammann College. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 8:18 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly threw a rock through a window in Student Union. The case remains open.

Compiled By Brittany Bernstein

## Town of Brookhaven finds multiple safety violations at location of AEPi party

Continued from page 1

certificate of occupancy, and the deck was constructed in compliance with the code at the time."

However, Gerhauser also said codes have since changed, and the deck, if built today, would have been violating current code.

Although AEPi members reside in the home, the location is not affiliated with the fraternity's governing body AEPi International.

"AEPi International, nor our housing operation, has no financial interest in that property and is not signer on any lease, etc." said AEPi spokesperson Jonathan M. Pierce in an email. "... In fact, any property in which our fraternity's housing operation has an interest would have to be properly zoned, inspected and up-to-code."

After the fall, many people were afraid to call the police. I overheard that some didn't want to "be the rat." I did not care. I called 911 at 10:59 p.m.

"We got a call at approximately 11pm last night (Aug. 26)," said a Suffolk County Police spokesperson. "Two people were taken to the Stony Brook University Hospital for nonlife-threatening injuries."

However, some people transported themselves to the hospital so the amount of students hurt is unknown.

After the accident, the brothers couldn't get enough cabs in a timely matter. I took an Uber



COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

### The deck at 15 Old Field Road in Setauket collapsed late Friday night Aug. 26 at a party thrown by AEPi fraternity members leaving students injured.

back to campus and watched as other students used an unlit road in a wooded area to walk back to campus.

I suspect I was one of many students who checked myself into the hospital after taking a taxi or Uber back to campus. However, Stony Brook University Hospital would not give me an exact number of patients.

During my back X-ray, the technician asked me what happened. When I mentioned a deck he finished my sentence

with astonishment. "You were also from that party?" he said.

According to that technician, they scanned multiple ankles, arms and legs from people in the same accident. He determined that I had a back sprain.

The Dean of Students office is currently calling all students who were temporarily hospitalized.

"We are grateful that the situation wasn't worse than what it was," Dean of Students Timothy Ecklund said. "This is something that we are very concerned about in look-

ing at how our students are living off campus."

The landlord, Aydinli Zeyit, is being held responsible because he had illegally converted this once one family unit home into a rooming house.

"What happens often times is that when people carve up these homes illegally into rooming houses," Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "often we find that these landlords do not maintain these homes as the surrounding neighbors do."

According to Deputy Town Attorney David J. Moran, Zeyit had been prosecuted for illegal conversion this past May and plead guilty. However, at the time of inspections, this particular house was empty.

"We will bring the defendant to justice," Moran said. "Not just at this property, but his own residence and another property that he owns in the Rocky Point area."

Brookhaven Councilwoman Valerie Cartright says that law department will continue to crack down on people, such as Zeyit, who violate town codes and town laws.

"Illegal, overcrowded homes and boarding houses will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Cartright said.

At the Brookhaven Town Hall meeting, it was revealed that the house at 15 Old Field Road had multiple violations, including no working smoke detectors, no working carbon monoxide detectors, a broken window in the basement, no Certificate of Occupancy to covert living room to bedroom and doors locked from the outside.

"The numerous violations at this location jeopardized the health, the safety and the wellness of the occupants as well as the visitors to the home that evening," Cartright said.

The court date for Zeyit has been set for Oct. 27 at the Suffolk County 6th District Court.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## A look at Back to the Brook's opening act, The Commas

By David Pepa  
Contributing Writer

Undergraduate Student Government announced that The Commas will be the opening act at Back to the Brook, the largest musical event of the semester. Here is a look at the student band that will perform on the same stage as Fetty Wap and RL Grime.

The band consists of four members: Jonathan Bellon, senior mechanical engineering major and lead guitarist/back-up vocals; Michael Burns, senior mechanical engineering major and lead singer/backup guitarist; Joshua Cehulic, senior political science major and bass player; and Dylan Schreiber, senior civil engineering major and drummer.

The group has performed at Roth Regatta, the Toscanini Ball and Tabler Twist, but this will definitely be their most anticipated gig.

"When I met with USG representatives to discuss us being the potential opening band I didn't expect them to decide right then and there, so when they were giving us

the gig, I had to try so hard not to start cheering," Schreiber said. "I'm so pumped since we've really been working hard towards this and hoping for it for a while now, so it just feels great."

The band has come a long way since their humble beginnings in Tabler Quad. They were four freshmen with a passion for music, some musical skills and a desire to create a rock band. They put them all together and created The Commas.

"What began as a small, fun thing evolved into a more coherent cover band," Bellon said. "We played a couple of open mic nights and grew as a musical group."

Although the group does not stick to a specific genre of music, they get inspiration from their favorite artists.

The White Stripes, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Arctic Monkeys inspire Bellon, the band's songwriter.

"We are still in the process of finding our sound, but we take major influences from some of our favorite bands in the modern rock and indie scene," Bellon said.



ERIC SCHMID/THE STATESMAN

**The opening act, The Commas, discuss a song that they will perform at Back to the Brook. The band has been practicing daily since returning to Stony Brook campus.**

The Commas have spent many hours preparing for Back to the Brook, after being told that it will be the student opener.

"We have been practicing almost every day since moving back into

West Apartments this semester, tightening our finished songs and working on new ones so they'll be finished in time for the concert," Bellon said.

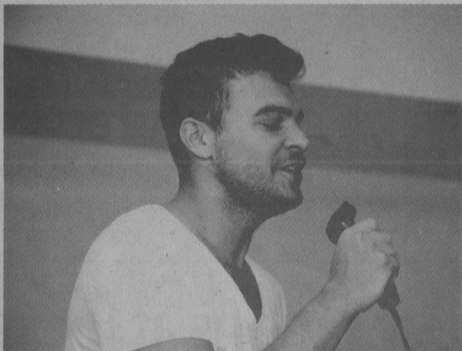
The band is currently making an album that is set to be re-

leased within the next few weeks. As part of the album, they have invited all Stony Brook students to submit artwork for the cover through their Facebook page, "The Commas."



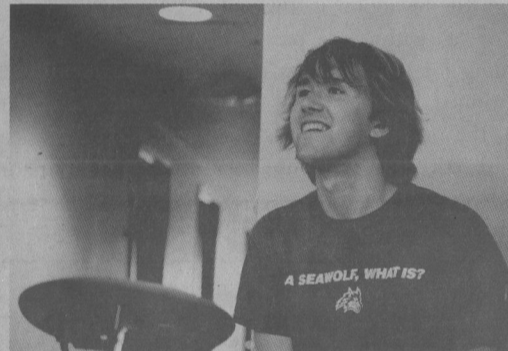
ERIC SCHMID/THE STATESMAN

**Joshua Cehulic, band's bassist.**



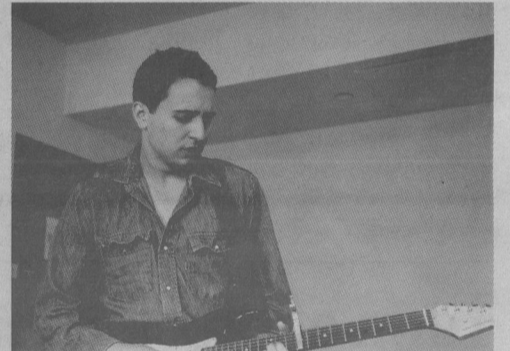
ERIC SCHMID/THE STATESMAN

**Michael Burns, band's lead singer.**



ERIC SCHMID/THE STATESMAN

**Dylan Schreiber, band's drummer.**



ERIC SCHMID/THE STATESMAN

**Jonathan Bellon, band's guitarist.**

## Come one, come all to USG's Wolfieland this fall

By Jessica Chin  
Contributing Writer

Wolfieland, the Undergraduate Student Government's newest event, will be the first large-scale carnival to come to Stony Brook University.

The carnival will be held in the SAC parking lot from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sep. 10 and will be free for all students. It will feature food, rides, games and prizes similar to those at amusement parks.

A ferris wheel, Gravitron, bumper cars and mechanical bull are some of the rides that will be featured among many others. The rides will be meant for college students, according to the administrative director of USG, Thomas Kirnbauer.

"The ferris wheel will be taller than the trees, for sure," Kirnbauer said.

Many campus clubs will host game booths where students can earn tickets to claim prizes. Potential prizes include small to extra-large stuffed animals, t-shirts and MacBook decals.

Two life-sized plush tigers and neon pink and blue gorillas can also be won from the games.

"You'll be able to take your pictures there [at the prize booth] too," Maximillian Shaps, vice president of communications and public relations for USG, said.

Deja Vu Dance Troupe, Cadence Step Team and Ballroom Dance are some of the groups that will be performing at the carnival.

Wolfieland was first announced at the end of the Back to the Brook release video on Aug. 27.

Jaliel Amador, vice president of student life and programming of USG, posted the video to his personal YouTube and Facebook accounts. On his Facebook post, he credit-

ed the video to Brody Hooper, USG's former vice president of communications and public relations.

Amador proposed the idea to create Wolfieland to USG.

Student government officials hope that it will be successful enough to join the list of campus traditions like Brookfest, Roth

Regatta and Homecoming that bring Seawolves together. Shaps and Kirnbauer estimate the event will have a turnout of about 3,000 students.

The USG budget is funding this event. The budget's revenue comes mostly from the \$99.50-per-semester student activity fee paid by each undergraduate student.

The event is also made possible by USG's discontinuation of its annual comedy show due to low turnouts.

"In the past, our comedy shows have not been sell-out shows," Shaps said.

"We thought we could satisfy the student body more with an event like this."

Some students are looking forward to attending this new campus activity.

Mary Ferguson, a sophomore Italian studies major, said she might attend the event.

"It sounds like a lot of fun," she said.

"It's an opportunity to hang out with your friends, and it's free."

The rain date for the event is Saturday, Oct. 1.

COURTESY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**A poster promoting Wolfieland, the Undergraduate Student Government's latest event, which will be held on Sept. 10 in the SAC parking lot from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m..**



# Four new shows to watch during your fall semester

Although fall means the end of summer vacation and the start of another semester, it brings a new set of shows to help you cope with the stress of school work. Here are a few upcoming shows to check out:



COURTESY OF GAGE SKIDMORE/FLICKR VIA CC BY-SA 2.0

Kiefer Sutherland, above, plays President Tom Kirkman on "Designated Survivor."



PUBLIC DOMAIN

The logo for HBO's new thriller series, "Westworld."

## "Designated Survivor"

Kiefer Sutherland, star of the action-series "24," returns with another tense thriller on Sept. 21 on ABC.

Sutherland stars as Tom Kirkman, a member of the presidential Cabinet who is deemed the "designated survivor" in case of an attack.

After an explosion in the Capitol building kills the President and many other government officials during the State of the Union address, Kirkman is forced to assume the presidency and maintain control over a country turning to chaos.

The series also stars Kal Penn, who starred as Kumar Patel in "Harold and Kumar," Natasha McElhone from "Californication" and Maggie Q from the "Divergent" series.

## "Luke Cage"

Netflix's newest Marvel show focuses on a superpowered ex-convict who uses his powers to fight crime and restore peace to Harlem. While the series takes place in the same universe as films like "The Avengers" and "Captain America," the characters and events of "Luke Cage" will only directly interact with Netflix's first two explorations into the Marvel world, "Daredevil" and "Jessica Jones."

"Luke Cage" takes a more grounded and gritty approach to the genre. Actor Mike Colter reprises his role from Netflix's "Jessica Jones" as the hero Luke Cage, and up and coming actor Mahershala Ali is the crime lord "Cottonmouth" with Alfre Woodard as a local politician who gets involved in the Harlem-based conflict. The thirteen episode season will drop Sept. 30.

## "Black Mirror"

This other Netflix original is a science-fiction anthology series in which every episode takes place in a different reality. This is reinforced by the constantly changing cast and extreme tone shifts between episodes.

With many critics describing "Black Mirror" as a modern update to "The Twilight Zone," the show has received critical acclaim and widespread attention.

The third season, which premieres Oct. 21, will contain six episodes and feature actors like Bryce Dallas Howard, McKenzie Davis, Michael Kelly and Alice Eve.

Although very few details are known about the upcoming season, the show's creativity and mesmerizing atmosphere have kept fans anxious for more.

Newcomers can choose to go back to the first two seasons or dive right into the third because each episode is self-contained.

## "Westworld"

Starting on Oct. 2, HBO's "Westworld" is the network's first foray into high budget science-fiction. Set in a futuristic and immersive theme park, the show follows the park's creators, guests and the lifelike androids that unknowingly inhabit an artificial world modeled after America's Wild West.

The series is based on screen-writer Michael Crichton's 1973 film by the same name, which featured veteran actors like Yul Brynner and James Brolin. HBO's version of the original film boasts great talent both in front of and behind the camera. The series was created by Jonathan Nolan, who co-wrote films like "The Dark Knight" and "Interstellar" with his brother Christopher Nolan. J.J. Abrams, who has recently received praise for reviving "Star Trek" and "Star Wars," serves as executive producer.

Acclaimed actors like Anthony Hopkins, Ed Harris, Evan Rachael Wood and James Marsden will be featured in this genre-bending world. With its intriguing premise and talented cast and crew, "Westworld" has the potential to become HBO's next big hit.

By Ryan Williams, Contributing Writer

## SEPT. 7 INVOLVEMENT FAIR

The semi-annual involvement fair will take place at the SAC plaza during Campus Lifetime from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.. Various campus clubs and organizations will set up information booths aiming to get students involved.

## BILL BURR STAND-UP

Stand-up comedian, actor and writer Bill Burr will be performing two shows at The Paramount in Huntington. His performance will showcase his stand-up comedy. At the time of publication, there were limited tickets remaining. Show times are at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m..

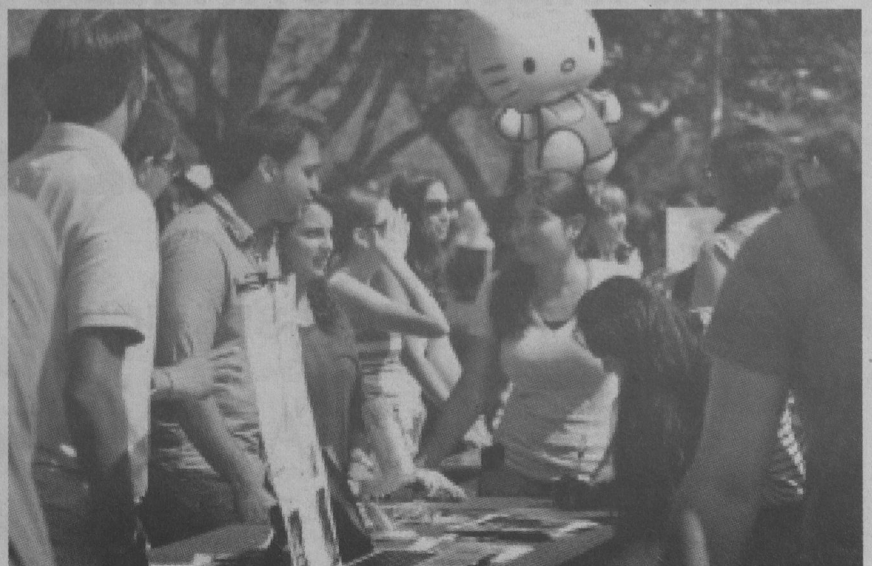
## SEPT. 8 WHEN CINEMA COMMENTS HISTORY: THE ITALIAN CASE

As part of the Dr. Joseph Tromba Lecture Series, Professor Bernardo Picichè from Virginia Commonwealth University will be speaking in the Javits Lecture Center, Room 102, at 2:30 p.m..

## SEPT. 10 WOLFIELAND

Wolfieland is the Undergraduate Student Government's first annual carnival event. USG advertises an "afternoon of carnival fun." The event begins on Saturday Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. and will continue until 9 p.m. See page 4 for more information.

# ARTSY EVENTS



NINA LIN/STATESMAN FILE

Students checking out a club booth at a past involvement fair.



CURRYCLUBLI.COM

10 Woods Corner Rd.  
East Setauket, NY  
751-4845

Free  
Delivery

Lunch  
11:30-3:00 PM

Dinner  
Sun-Thurs: 3-10 PM  
Fri, Sat: 3-11 PM



Velvet Lounge  
751-7575

Happy Hour  
5-8 PM  
Live Music Daily

10% Discount  
with Stony Brook  
University ID

Lunch Buffet  
Weekdays: \$11.99  
Weekends: \$13.99

PORT JEFF'S B.B.Q.

EST. 2015

SMOKE SHACK

Blues

B.B.Q.



Bring An Appetite.

Actually, better bring a couple.

HOME of the  
\$3 RED STRIPE

Discount  
w/ I.D.

LUNCH, DINNER, & LATE-LATE NIGHT  
ONLY KITCHEN DOWNPORT OPEN TIL 3AM\*

138 MAIN STREET

(631) 438-6797

WWW.SMOKESHACKBLUES.COM

\* BEERS \* CATERING \*

# LINDY'S

One Source For All Your Transportation Needs



## Need To Go Somewhere?

## We'll Take You There!

15-Passenger Vans Available

# (631) 444-4444

24 HOUR SERVICE

### #1 IN TRANSPORTATION & RELIABILITY

\*\*ALL DRIVERS CROSS CHECKED FOR MEGAN'S LAW\*\*

COLLEGE STUDENT DISCOUNT LINDY'S TAXI  
(631) 444-4444

**\$1<sup>00</sup>** OFF ANY RIDE

OR

**\$5<sup>00</sup>** OFF ANY AIRPORT RIDE

Must Present Coupon to Driver



# OPINIONS

## THE STATESMAN

INFORMING STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Editor-in-Chief ..... Arielle Martinez  
Managing Editor ..... Rachel Siford  
Managing Editor ..... Christopher Leelum

News Editor ..... Michaela Kilgallen  
Arts & Entertainment Editor ..... Anisah Abdullah  
Sports Editor ..... Skyler Gilbert  
Opinions Editor ..... Emily Benson  
Multimedia Editor ..... Eric Schmid  
Copy Chief ..... Kaitlyn Colgan  
Assistant News Editor ..... Mahreen Khan  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor ..... Katarina Delgado  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor ..... Jessica Carnabuci  
Assistant Sports Editor ..... Chris Peraino  
Assistant Sports Editor ..... Kunal Kohli  
Assistant Opinions Editor ..... Andrew Goldstein  
Assistant Multimedia Editor ..... Aracely Jimenez  
Assistant Copy Chief ..... Stacey Slavutsky

Advertising Manager ..... Rebecca Anderson  
Advertisement Layout ..... Frank Migliorino

### Contact us:

Phone: 631-632-6479

Fax: 631-632-9128

Web: [www.sbstatesman.com](http://www.sbstatesman.com)

To contact the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editors about organizational comments, questions, suggestions, corrections or photo permission, email [editors@sbstatesman.com](mailto:editors@sbstatesman.com).

To reach a specific section editor:

News Editor ..... [news@sbstatesman.com](mailto:news@sbstatesman.com)  
Arts & Entertainment Editor ..... [arts@sbstatesman.com](mailto:arts@sbstatesman.com)  
Sports Editor ..... [sports@sbstatesman.com](mailto:sports@sbstatesman.com)  
Opinions Editor ..... [opinion@sbstatesman.com](mailto:opinion@sbstatesman.com)  
Multimedia Editor ..... [multimedia@sbstatesman.com](mailto:multimedia@sbstatesman.com)  
Web & Graphics Editor ..... [web@sbstatesman.com](mailto:web@sbstatesman.com)

*The Statesman* is a student-run, student-written incorporated publication at Stony Brook University in New York. The paper was founded as *The Sucolian* in 1957 at Oyster Bay, the original site of Stony Brook University. In 1975, *The Statesman* was incorporated as a not-for-profit, student-run organization. Its editorial board, writers and multimedia staff are all student volunteers.

New stories are published online every day Monday through Thursday. A print issue is published every Monday during the academic year and is distributed to many on-campus locations, the Stony Brook University Hospital and over 70 off-campus locations.

*The Statesman* and its editors have won several awards for student journalism and several past editors have gone on to enjoy distinguished careers in the field of journalism.

Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat @sbstatesman.

Disclaimer: Views expressed in columns or in the Letters and Opinions section are those of the author and not necessarily those of *The Statesman*.

*The Statesman* promptly corrects all errors of substance published in the paper. If you have a question or comment about the accuracy or fairness of an article please send an email to [editors@sbstatesman.com](mailto:editors@sbstatesman.com).

First issue free; additional issues cost 50 cents.



ERIC SCHMID / THE STATESMAN

Dihydrogen monoxide, much like guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride, sounds like a chemical nightmare. Don't worry, it might sound toxic but it's completely safe.

## Don't freak! Just because it sounds scary doesn't mean it is

By Andrew Goldstein  
*Assistant Opinions Editor*

There have been lots of complaints about campus dining. The lines are too long, the portions are too small and there isn't enough selection. But while all the students gripe about convenience, a bigger, health-related issue lurks unseen.

Almost all of the food on campus contains dihydrogen monoxide, a chemical that can rust through iron piping and is heavy enough to be used as a radiation shield in nuclear reactors.

Dihydrogen monoxide is known to dissolve more substances than any other chemical. When thermally agitated, it can burn skin. Athletes have used dihydrogen monoxide to enhance performance.

Worst of all, accidental inhalation of even a small quantity of dihydrogen monoxide can lead to asphyxiation and death.

Yet dihydrogen monoxide chemicals can be found in every single drink sold on campus. Every fruit and vegetable on campus contains around ninety percent dihydrogen monoxide. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, cooked ground beef usually contains between fifty-five and sixty percent of dihydrogen monoxide. Think about that next time you eat a burger.

Even though dihydrogen monoxide has been shown to cause cellular swelling, stomach irrita-

tion and excessive urination, the Center for Disease Control has yet to classify it as a toxic or carcinogenic substance.

Because it is water.

Dihydrogen monoxide is water. And water is a chemical.

While it is easy to be wary of titles like dihydrogen monoxide, it does not actually warrant fear. And it, like many other intimidating chemical names, is completely safe. To argue that "messing with nature" is inherently bad and that chemicals are inherently unsafe is laughable.

You can write the same way about table salt, or sodium chloride. When concentrated in the body, sodium can induce feelings of thirst, weakness, nausea and even bleeding in or around the brain. Chlorine gas was used as chemical warfare by the German military in World War I.

To make table salt sound addictive, I could write about how it was traded pound for pound with gold in the Trans-Saharan trade and during the era of the Phoenicians.

People write the same way about having guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride in their shampoo, eating non-organic fruit and raising Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). Fun fact: guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride is chemically organic, derived from cluster beans and scored very well on health safety and environmental safety tests.

Literally since humanity's inception, we have been affect-

ing our surroundings to our own advantages. Almost all animals and even some plants do it.

Dogs are a genetically modified wolves. Farmers would crossbreed and selectively breed crops that were bigger and hardier.

As history unfolded and we as a species depended more on science, we have developed more and more ingenious ways to engineer our environments.

There are potatoes that are immune to the Irish potato famine virus. There is wheat that can be grown in spaceships.

Part of that process includes scientists extracting and developing medications from plants, animals and viruses. Chemicals are the flavors and the nutrients (and really the everything) of food.

These feats come out of fantasy novels. And so do these fears. We hear or read about some seven syllable chemicals and shudder, wondering about its toxicity, while those charged with testing these products declare them to be healthy. Not just safe, but also beneficial.

As with everything human, there are some issues with testing. There are mistakes, sometimes catastrophic, but these cases are extreme outliers. That's also why we need peer-review and replicated studies.

Ponder that next time you're on line for your food. You'll have enough time.



# Student reactions to new dining system on campus

We reached out to students on campus to voice their opinions on the new campus dining system.

The following are responses taken on the progression/regression of campus dining's food quality, portion sizes, food variety and overall on-campus dining experience.

Submissions have been edited for grammar, length and/or clarity.

"The food has lost its quality and most of its ingredients. Sandwiches are awful and they don't bother to refill any of their foods or drinks unless it's pizza or burgers/fries."

— Julian Leib, sophomore, economics major.

"Trying to eat on campus should not be more difficult than passing Bio 203. I'm just saying."

— Clare Finnegan, junior, history major on premed track.

"I am a commuter and it would really be awesome if I could get a meal in between classes quickly and for a good price. I think that the food quality is alright, but the portions and prices are so ridiculous that I try to use campus dining as little as possible. And many of my friends have to leave campus to get a meal in between classes."

— Patrick Kearney, junior, history major.

"I had to force myself to eat a greater amount of food hoping that it would keep me full for the rest of the day. Another problem I discovered was that the school had increased the prices of several items in the retail places, as well."

— Adam Whitten, senior, business management major.

"I actually get anxiety when I think about where my next meal is coming from. But honestly, truly, I think the worst part is the fact that I can't leave the dining hall with food that I have already paid for. It is disgusting."

— Tamika Butler, junior, English major and creative

writing minor.

"It's a new system so there are obviously a bunch of flaws, but the fact that students are so up in arms is making the company push through changes to make this a better system. By next year I think people will like this system more than what we used to have."

— Mohammed Elbarkatawy, senior, political science and business major.

"I've gotten to the point that I'm planning on begging FSA to let me be a resident in a corridor style building without a meal plan. Unless things change, I won't be eating the food here. Last year they made so much progress in options, especially in terms of vegetarian and vegan choices, but this year everything is premade so it's not like I can cater to my dietary habits as a vegetarian here anymore."

— Brianna Cahil, senior, marine sciences major.

"As someone with a wheat allergy, it's a lot harder to find options that I can eat. And if there is something I can eat I can't be 100 percent sure it hasn't been cross-contaminated because the stations are filthy."

— Kait Bristol, senior, sociology and health science major.

"They have less workers and less food options but are charging higher prices. Yes, we can now eat as much as we can but there are way less options of food to choose from than we thought coming back to school. Why can't they hire people to

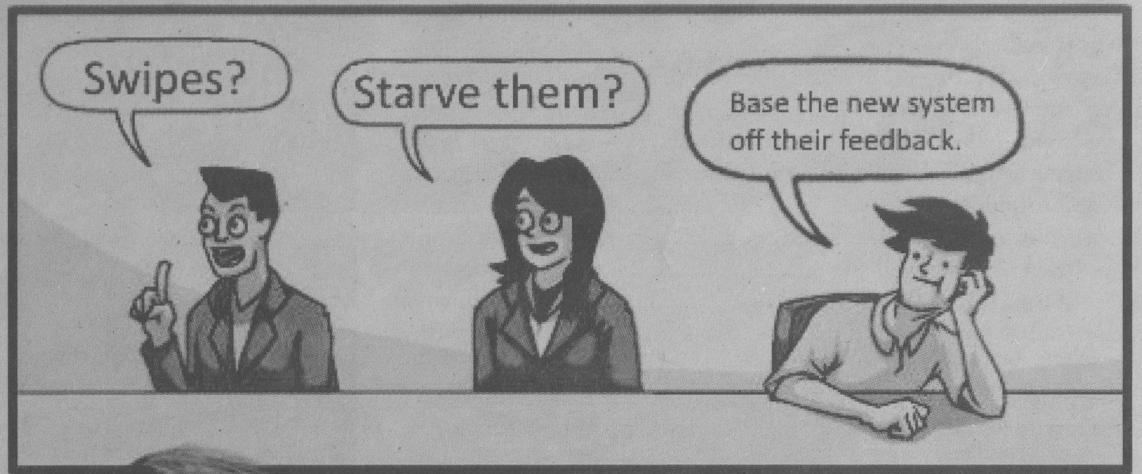


PHOTO COURTESY OF NICHOLAS PULEIO

**Stony Brook students took to social media to express their frustration over the new campus dining system, posting memes, like above, in response to the dining changes.**

still serve the food at least because the food seems even more untrustworthy being that people serve themselves. We didn't pay to put our health in the hands of our peers, we pay the school to handle our food."

— Dani Norelus, senior, health science and technology major.

"I'm actually not opposed to the dine-in system. However there should be enough food to cater to the number of students. Also, the food quality and choices have dropped from last year. There's not much protein that isn't processed meat, and too little vegetarian options."

— Megan Tan, sophomore, computer science major.

"I avoid eating on campus, but it will be difficult to find places where I can take food with me. I stack my classes back to back as a commuter so that I only have to be here two days a week so I have very little time between classes to eat. I can't afford to sit around for 20 minutes in a dining hall."

— Rebecca Piraino, sophomore, pre-nursing.

"If Campus Dining wants to make this system work, they'll need to increase the quality and selection of food on the campus to make up for the high prices."

— Bryan Hauser, senior, computer science major.

"While I see where campus dining was going with the change in terms of saving money

and resources, this new system has led itself to great waste, decreased quality and most importantly unsanitary conditions. Aside from the new inconvenience of having to 'dine in,' the influx of people has created overcrowding and subsequently tables remain dirty, ingredients become cross-contaminated and there is food all over the floor."

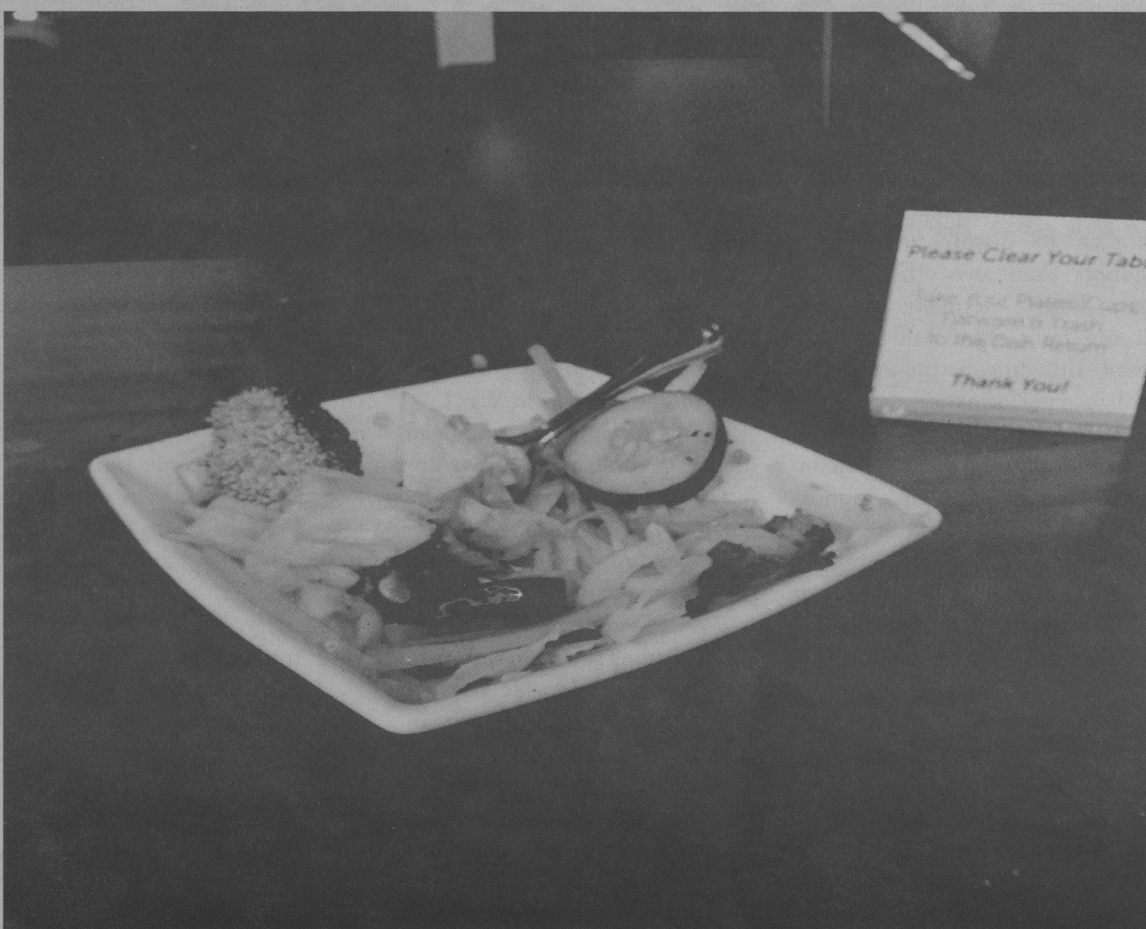
— Cindy Marji, senior, biomedical engineering major.

"I think they were trying to do something similar to other schools but they weren't able to fully come through with it which ended in this chaos. When you're a tiny person like me, buffets are just a waste of money, which is why I ended up getting dining points only."

— Sayaka Uoyama, senior, multidisciplinary studies major.

"They say that this [new system] is supposed to help students who run out of meal points, but I'm usually one of those students, and I think it's our responsibility to budget better. I also agree with the people who say that having a safety net discourages us from learning how to be responsible with our money."

— Dave Lennard, sophomore, linguistics and ecosystems and human impact.



ERIC SCHMID / THE STATESMAN

**West Side Dining now uses a swipe entry system and serves food in a buffet style. Students are frustrated with the new systems changes in portion sizes and food quality.**



# Stony Brook Cross Country sees success in opening meet

By Kunal Kohli  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Women's and Men's Cross Country teams stormed ahead for first and second place finishes, respectively, in the Stony Brook Season Opener on Saturday morning against Quinnipiac and Hartford.

Experience made all the difference for the women as they captured the top three finishes in the tri-meet. Seniors Christine Eisenberg and Elizabeth Caldwell took first and second place, while freshman Alexandria Ortega rounded out the podium with a third place time in her first collegiate race.

"We need Christine to have a great fall this year and build on the success she had this past spring," head coach Andy Ronan said.

The race started with a standard congregated pack, but the group quickly dissipated during the opening stretch of the race. Eisenberg got out to a commanding four second lead, leaving Caldwell and others behind. She finished the four kilometer race with a time of 14:46.56.

"I wanted to have a hard effort," Eisenberg said. "I wasn't really too focused on what time I was going to get. I just wanted to give a solid effort for the first race."

Freshman Chris Biondi impressed with a second place finish in the men's 5k race. Within the last few moments of the race, Biondi kicked out of line and cut in front of another racer. He main-



ERIC SCHMID / THE STATESMAN

Senior Christine Eisenberg sprints past Hartford in Saturday morning's Stony Brook Season Opener. She finished first among the women as Stony Brook took first place.

tained his tempo and finished the race with a time of 18:49.51, six seconds out of first place.

"He just put himself in the right place," Ronan said. "He's a freshman, in his first race—he did well to hang in there. He's a very good track runner and you give a track runner the chance to run downhill to the finish, he's going to use it to his advantage."

Unlike the women's 4k, the men's 5k maintained a pack for the majority of the race. It was

not until the final few laps when the pack stretched out as racers jockeyed for position. The Seawolves sent out a relatively inexperienced men's team with 10 underclassmen. Junior Steven Biondi, Chris' brother, was Stony Brook's lone upperclassman.

"I just wanted to see them compete," Ronan said of the underclassmen. "I wanted them to experience running in a college meet for the first time. I just wanted to see them compete so we can build

on this through the season and figure out what we need to work on."

Senior Christina Melian and junior Michael Watts are both out with injuries. Watts is out indefinitely with a fractured tibia. Melian suffered an injury last spring and is recovering.

Up next for the Seawolves is another home meet. Both teams will participate in the Wolfie Invitational on Sept. 10. The men will run an 8 kilometer race and the women will run a 5k.

## Women's Basketball releases schedule

Continued from page 12

Manhattan on Nov. 26.

The Seawolves will continue their road trip at St. Bonaventure to take on the Bonnies on Nov. 30. Last season, the Bonnies defeated the Oklahoma Sooners in the first round.

After that, LIU-Brooklyn hosts Stony Brook on Dec. 4. An away game against Central Connecticut State on Dec. 11 rounds out the road trip. Stony Brook returns home to take on Division-II Molloy on Dec. 16.

The Seawolves will then play in the Florida Sunshine Classic. Stony Brook will face Florida A&M on Dec. 20 and Indiana the next day. Both games will be held in Orlando, Florida.

On Dec. 30, Stony Brook returns home to face Cornell. On Dec. 31 is a New Year's Eve showdown against the University of Missouri-Kansas City. An away game at New Hampshire on Jan. 4 kicks off the conference schedule for Stony Brook. The Seawolves play the defending America East champions, the Great Danes on Jan. 7 in Albany, NY.

Maine will play Stony Brook at Island Federal Credit Union Arena on Jan. 14 to start a two-game homestand for the Seawolves. Stony Brook faces rival Albany at home on Feb. 4.

## CS Tech Day & IT/Computer Science Job & Internship Fair

Students 'N Start-Ups v.2

Friday, Sept. 16th

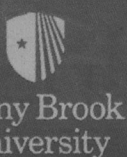
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
SAC Ballrooms A & B & New Comp. Sci. Building

## Engineering Job & Internship Fair

Friday, Sept.

23rd

SAC Ballrooms A & B  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



WWW.STONYBROOK.EDU/CAREER . 631-632-6810

Career Center

MEET US AT THE FOOT OF THE ZEBRA PATH



## Ochi returns to NY, signs to Jets practice squad

By Chris Peraino  
Assistant Sports Editor

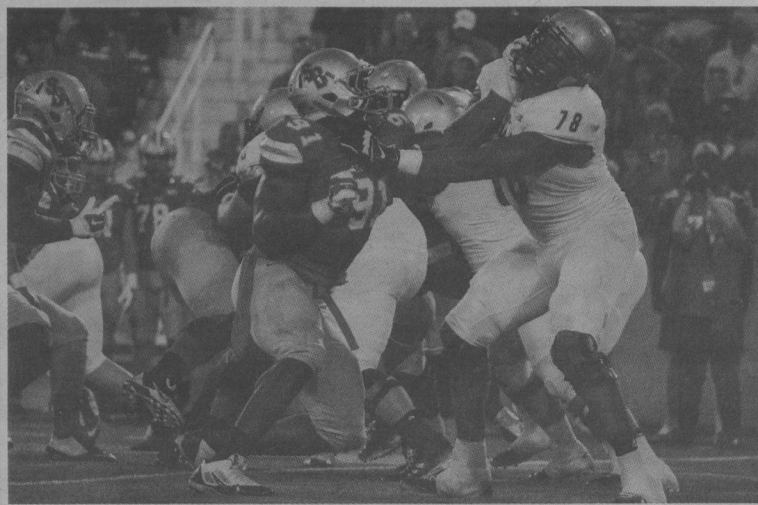
Victor Ochi, Stony Brook's all-time career sack leader, will return to New York by signing to the New York Jets practice squad on Sunday afternoon, according to his agent Jared Fox.

The Valley Stream native was waived from the Baltimore Ravens this Saturday during its final round of preseason cuts, the Ravens announced Saturday.

Beginning Sunday at noon, another team had 24 hours to claim Ochi to its squad. No team took the bait until the Jets signed him to its practice squad.

Although not on the Jet's regular-season roster, Ochi's dream of playing in the NFL this season is not quite exhausted. If the Jets are plagued by injury and need to fill a roster spot, they may look to plug in depth-chart holes with practice squad players or with free agent signings.

Despite predictions that Ochi would be selected in an early-round from draft luminaries such as ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr., his name was never called during this year's NFL draft weekend. But soon after the doors shut at Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, the former Seawolf was signed as



HEATHER KHALIFA / STATESMAN FILE

**Victor Ochi (No. 91, center) pictured playing against Bryant on Aug. 28, 2014 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.**

an undrafted free agent with the Baltimore Ravens.

Looking to join New York Giants tight end Will Tye as the second Stony Brook alumnus to make a regular-season roster, Ochi finished his preseason with five tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble. He holds career Stony Brook records in both sacks, 32.5, and tackles for a loss, 49.

Although he produced in his limited opportunity, Ochi's preseason playing time was scarce. Making the transition from defensive end in college to outside

linebacker in the pros, Ochi faced steep training camp competition. The Raven's Terrell Suggs and Elvis Dumervil have been perennial Pro Bowl selections, while Za'Darius Smith recorded 5.5 sacks in his rookie campaign with the Ravens last season.

The cut came eight days before the Raven's regular season opener against the Buffalo Bills, which will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th. With the season soon approaching, the Ravens enacted their final preseason cut down, shedding from 75 players to 53.

## Upon Further Review: No Ochi, no problem at all

By Kunal Kohli  
Assistant Sports Editor

Victor who? Not to undermine the collegiate accomplishments of current New York Jets practice squad player Victor Ochi, but his former teammates at Stony Brook looked fine without him in its win against the University of North Dakota. The Seawolves held the Fighting Hawks to 177 total yards and forced two turnovers in their 13-9 win.

Stony Brook's pass rushing played a huge role in their win, allowing North Dakota junior quarterback Keaton Studsrud only a few quick seconds to make a play before pressure collapsed the pocket.

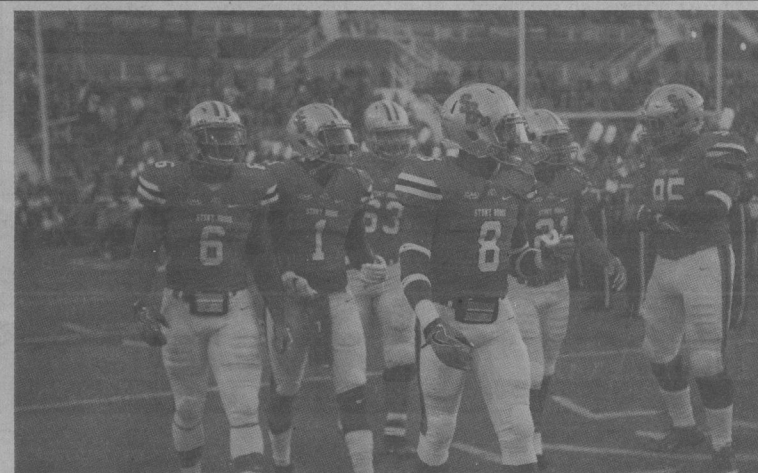
In total, the Seawolves recorded four sacks and 11 tackles for losses. Senior defensive back Jaheem Woods stormed through the line of scrimmage for three of the team's sacks and added five tackles for losses.

"Coach asked me to adjust and saw they were singling [Tyrice Beverette]," Woods said. "He got his two sacks and then [coach Chuck Priore] saw that I had the one-on-one with the back and he said, 'Have at it.'"

Last season, Woods recorded 3.5 sacks and six tackles for losses. He is about to reach both marks, which took him eight games to meet last season, in two.

Outside of individual performance, the Seawolves defended the punt well.

In the first quarter, Stony Brook nearly blocked a punt. In the fourth, redshirt freshman



ARACELY JIMENEZ / THE STATESMAN

**Senior defensive back Jaheem Woods (No. 8, third from right) leads his team onto the field against North Dakota.**

Gavin Heslop blocked a punt that senior defensive back Kye Morgan recovered for a game-winning touchdown.

Blocking a punt is nice. Blocking a punt for the game-winning touchdown in your season opener is thrilling. Blocking a punt for the game-winning touchdown in your season opener in your first collegiate football game is a trademark moment.

"The guys on the shield weren't pointing me out," Heslop said of North Dakota's punt protection. "So I knew if I got a jump on the ball, I could get an easy block."

The team met before the punt to plan an attack strategy after the coaching staff noticed a pattern in the Fighting Hawks' punt protection, Morgan explained. Heslop's side had less linemen defending the block. He took advantage and Morgan managed to scoop the ball, returning it for six points.

A rare event, such as a blocked punt, changes the momentum of a game. It did just that for Stony Brook, sealing the win for the team.

Not only did Woods and Heslop step up, emerging out of the young linebacker corp was redshirt sophomore Shayne Lawless.

He had a career-high nine tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage. Last season, he consistently improved and if this pattern continues, he will be poised to become a focal point on the defense.

While Stony Brook proved that it could blitz, the team will have to step up the effort against Football Bowl Division (FBS) opponent Temple.

The Seawolves will face the Owls' all-time leader in total offense, touchdown passes and completions, senior quarterback Phillip Walker, on Sept. 10.

Temple is coming off a loss to Army. The Black Knights defeated the Owls 28-13. It was an upset win for Army, as the team came into the season with doubts that it would be able to defeat Temple.

The Seawolves will have to show that they can jam receivers in an offense that is much less run-reliant when compared to the Fighting Hawks' plan of attack. Height will also play a factor as Temple has four wide receivers over 6-foot-4-inches.

Woods, Lawless and company will have to be on top of their games to lead Stony Brook's defense over Temple.

## Football beats North Dakota, 13-9

Continued from page 12

Subdivision run defense last season, head coach Chuck Priore had expected a tight, low-scoring contest, which showed in his play-calling. Looking for a big-play game changer, Carbone hurled multiple prayers deep down the field, a few of which almost connected. But with a suffocated running game, which only tallied 62 yards on 34 attempts — an average of 1.8 yards per attempt — the Seawolves struggled to spread the field.

"Our goal was to hit those big plays," Priore said. "We knew there would be negative plays. They come after you in the pass."

Stony Brook's defense set a stifling tone, allowing a mere 177 yards of total offense, causing two fumbles and recording four sacks.

Senior defensive back Jaheem Woods was a particularly bright spot with a career-high three sacks, five tackles for a loss and eleven total tackles. He also forced a fumble. Junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette added nine tackles of his own, including a 9-yard sack late in the second quarter.

"Coach actually made an adjustment," Woods said. "He saw they were singling Ty out after he got his sack. He said I was going to have one-on-one with back and he just said, 'Have at it.'"

After a series of completed passes and a 24-yard sweep rush from junior wide receiver Sherman Alston Jr., Stony Brook was in field goal range to cap off its beginning drive of the game. Senior kicker Przemyslaw Popek sent the attempt wide left and from then on, both defenses asserted their dominance as they limited each other's offense.

The first quarter would go scoreless, with the teams going a combined 0-for-6 in third down conversions as offense was suffocated.

Beverette, who has recovered from two knee injuries, had a near pick-six after jumping a gap in front of North Dakota's end zone, forcing a punt. The Seawolves failed to capitalize on an excellent field position, as sophomore Boston College transfer Jordan Gowins fumbled while facing a stacked line on a third-and-one carry up the middle.

The Fighting Hawks finally broke the scoring drought early in the second quarter with a 16-yard run from unanimous preseason

All-Big Sky running back, sophomore John Santiago.

After trading turnovers, the Seawolves responded with a touchdown run of its own. Facing a third-and-goal, Gowins split left, only to fumble on the two-yard line and have the ball dived on and covered in the end zone by his teammate, redshirt sophomore tight end Cal Daniels, to establish a 7-7 tie.

In the third quarter, North Dakota junior quarterback Keaton Studsrud connected with senior wide receiver Clive Georges. Stony Brook's defensive back jumped the ball, attempting an interception, which gave Georges daylight to run. While diving for the endzone, Georges was clocked by junior defensive back Chris Cooper, who forced a fumble that was recovered by Beverette.

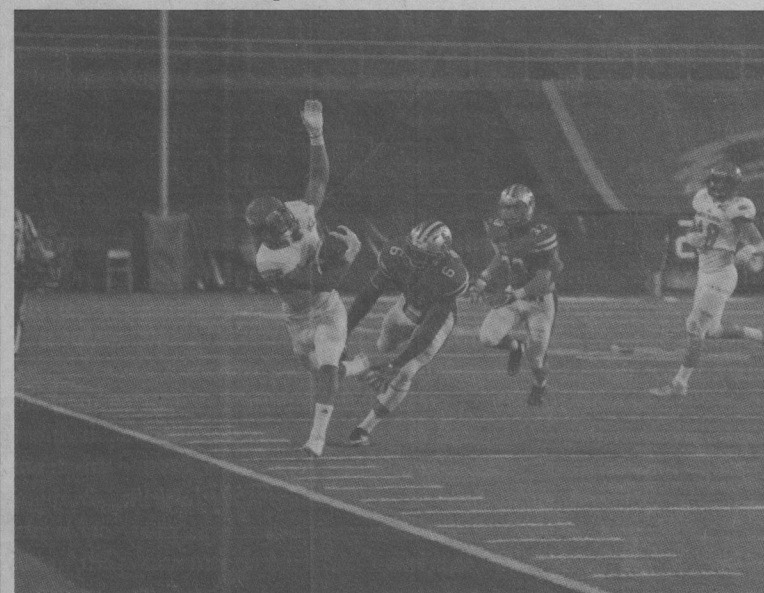
Georges lay on the field, incapable of standing up on his own accord. Following several minutes of pause, Georges offered the crowd a thumbs up as his gurney was lifted into the ambulance with an apparent lower-body injury.

With the ambulance yet to drive away and Georges spectating from inside, North Dakota junior defensive back Cole Reyes forced a safety, putting his team ahead, 9-7. Reyes — the Fighting Hawk's most disrupting force of the contest — would end the night with eight tackles, two tackles for a loss, one forced fumble and one sack.

Carbone, who swallowed his fair share of lumps after winning the starting role midway through his freshman season, looked considerably more poised in the pocket. Going 16-for-32 with 159 yards, the Connecticut native had no interceptions while facing constant pressure from a North Dakota defense that sent a flurry of blitzes throughout the game, culminating in four sacks.

"They played a great game," Carbone said of North Dakota's defense. "They bring a lot of pressure and they were stopping the run, so they were making us throw. But the defensive came up huge like always and the special teams came up with the play."

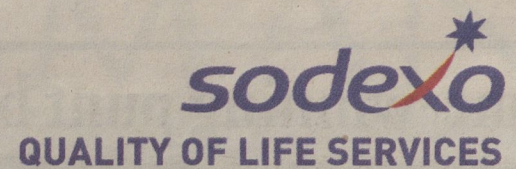
Stony Brook heads to Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa. to take on the Temple Owls on Saturday, Sept. 10 for both team's second matchup of the season.



ARACELY JIMENEZ / THE STATESMAN

**Junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette knocks a North Dakota wide receiver out of bounds in Thursday's win.**





September 1, 2016

After spending the entire academic year (2015-16) receiving student feedback and studying how to improve campus dining offerings, Sodexo developed the current meal plan program. Sodexo understands that students are dissatisfied with this new plan and is working to immediately address these issues in all dining locations.

We have assured the University that we are addressing the complaints as follows:

- We are increasing our portion sizes
- We are elevating our efforts to ensure that you have more healthy choices at each meal
- We are improving the ordering process and increasing production volume
- We are increasing the staff and management in all locations to assist moving students through the lines more quickly
- We are working on a Campus Dining menu app so students can know before they go what foods are offered at specific dining locations in real time

Campus Dining/Sodexo are meeting with students in an ongoing fashion to talk through the outstanding issues -- including "Dine In" -- and how to resolve them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lacey".

Bill Lacey  
Global Senior Vice President Marketing  
Universities Segment

9801 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Tel.: 301-987-4000  
www.sodexoUSA.com





# SPORTS

## Game-winning punt block seals SBU win



ARACELY JIMENEZ / THE STATESMAN

Sophomore running back Jordan Gowins, (No. 23, left) breaks through a tackle on Sept. 1, 2016 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. Stony Brook won its season opener, 13-9.

By Chris Peraino  
Assistant Sports Editor

With nine minutes left in the fourth quarter, the defensive gridlock showed no signs of bursting. Stony Brook's previous six drives ended in the same unremarkable fashion: with a punt. Looking to preserve its delicate 9-7 lead, No. 19 North Dakota was set to make it seven as both the Fighting Hawks and Seawolves struggled

to piece together scoring drives. Points were sparse; one timely play could prove all the difference.

Redshirt freshman defensive back Gavin Heslop made that difference when he blocked the ensuing punt at the 7-yard line. Fellow defensive back, senior Kye Morgan, promptly recovered the ball for a go-ahead touchdown, solidifying a 13-9 Stony Brook lead that would stand as the final score to Thursday night's season opener

at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"The guys on the shield weren't pointing me out," Heslop said. "So I knew if I got a good jump on the ball, I would get an easy block. And that's what happened."

"Thank you God," redshirt sophomore quarterback Joe Carbone exclaimed in relief.

With North Dakota producing a top-five Football Championship

Continued on page 10

## Women's basketball releases full schedule, to host Syracuse Nov. 18



HEATHER KHALIFA / STATESMAN FILE

Senior forward Christa Scognamiglio (No. 4, above) dribbles the ball against Vermont on Jan. 7, 2015.

By Kunal Kohli  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Women's Basketball team will host 2015-16 national runner-up Syracuse at Island Federal Credit Union Arena on Nov. 18. Head coach Caroline McCombs revealed the team's 2016-17 schedule on Wednesday afternoon.

Last season, the Seawolves led at the half against the Orange, 25-23, but the team could not capitalize, losing 64-49. That Syracuse team went on to face UConn in the National Championship Game, where it lost 82-51.

Stony Brook will play at Indiana on Dec. 21. The Hoosiers,

who came in fourth place in the Big Ten, ranked No. 46 in Ratings Percentage Index last season and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The team starts its season against Iona in New Rochelle, New York on Nov. 11. Last year, the Seawolves opened their season by defeating the Gaels at Island Federal Credit Union Arena, 58-53.

Stony Brook will then play a three-game homestand. It faces cross-island rival Hofstra on Nov. 14, Syracuse on Nov. 18 and Columbia on Nov. 22, before heading on the road for a game at

Continued on page 9

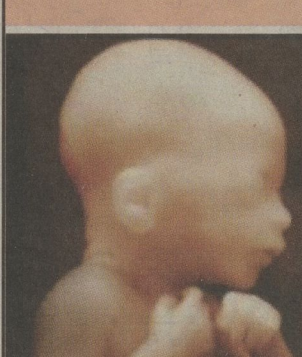


DECADES AGO, SOMEONE LIKE YOU DECIDED TO GIVE ANOTHER WOMAN THE ULTIMATE GIFT... A CHANCE AT MOTHERHOOD.

And this was the beginning of the Long Island IVF Donor Egg Program, which led to the first baby born on Long Island from a donated egg in 1996.

Since that time, Long Island IVF has continued in its commitment to expertly matching donor eggs with deserving couples. To date, we have helped over 5,000 hopeful parents (both women and men) fulfill their family-building dreams through the generous actions of young women like yourself.

Learn more about our program, qualifications, and \$8,000 compensation at [nydonoregg.com](http://nydonoregg.com)

**They will tell you it's just a blob of tissue**

**But at 28 days her eyes and ears have already begun to show.**

Education doesn't have to end because a new life begins.

Need help? Call 631-243-0066 24 hours, 7 days  
[www.aaapregnancyoptions.com](http://www.aaapregnancyoptions.com)

Tired of seeing blank space? We are too.  
Join our staff to make sure we always have enough content.  
[editors@sbstatesman.com](mailto:editors@sbstatesman.com)

**VAPE SMOKE**

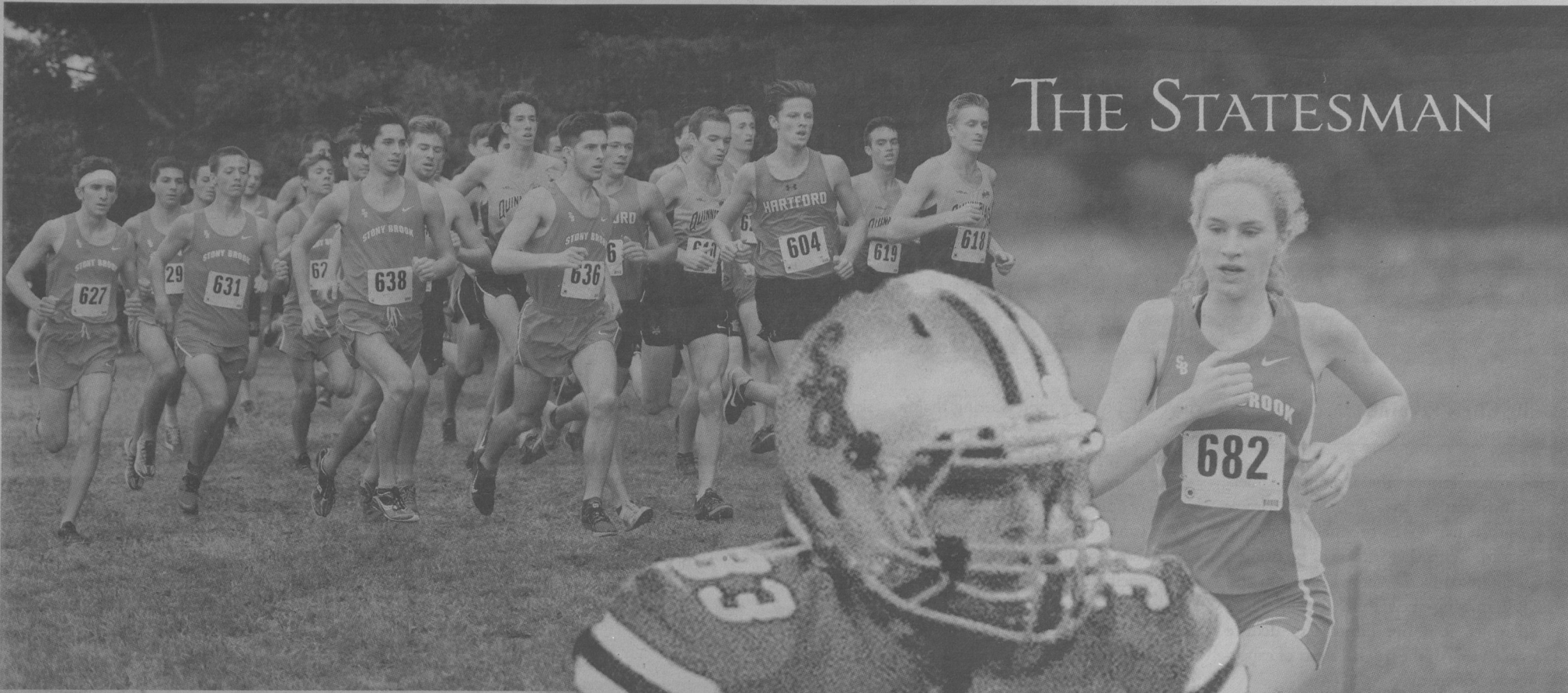
165A Terry Rd  
Smithtown, NY 11787  
(631) 656-0707



Follow us!    
[facebook.com/Suffolk-Vape-Smoke](https://facebook.com/Suffolk-Vape-Smoke)  
[instagram@suffolkvapeandsmoke](https://instagram.com/suffolkvapeandsmoke)

Bring in coupon for  
**10-20% Off**  
Hookas, Water Pipes, Vapes,  
E-Juices, Cigars





2016  
FALL  
SPORTS  
PREVIEW



Head Coach: Chuck Priore (11th season)  
 2015 Record: 5-5 overall (7th in CAA)  
 2016 Preseason Poll: 8th in CAA  
 Scoring Offense, 2015: 17.3 points per game  
 Total Offense, 2015: 300.8 yards per game

## STONY BROOK OFFENSE MUST STEP UP FOR TEAM TO SUCCEED

By Chris Peraino  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Since joining the Colonial Athletic Association in 2013, Stony Brook football has yet to produce a winning record. With the Seawolves boasting a top-ranked FCS defense last season and still missing their third straight CAA playoffs, it is not difficult to deduce which side of the ball fell short of expectation: offense.

Last year saw the loss of starting redshirt junior running back, Stacey Bedell, to a shoulder injury, coupled by a quarterback battle that lingered to the end of the season. Neither then senior quarterback Conor Bednarski or now redshirt sophomore Joe Carbone could string together consistent performances and the starting role was decided on a week-to-week basis. As expected with redshirt freshmen, Carbone was interception prone. And he was known for his scrambling over his pocket poise. But with a year under Carbone's belt and the starting job firmly solidified as Carbone's, head coach Chuck Priore believes a deep, more experienced depth

chart will produce more scoring than a 2015 squad that averaged a mere 17.3 points per game.

"Joe's the quarterback. You'll see him play one, you'll see him at the end of the game," Priore said. "I think we have more overall depth as a football team, specifically offensively and maybe a little more weapons to be able to be more efficient on that side of the ball" he added.

Stony Brook's deepest offensive position may be at the wide receiver position. Two Boston College transfers, junior wide receiver Sherman Alston Jr. and graduate student Harrison Jackson were added to the crew. Alston Jr. nabbed 23 receptions for 252 yards, ran for 388 yards and was a featured punt returner last year for the Golden Eagles. The pair, along with Western Michigan transfer, graduate student Timi Keith, will help round out a receiving cast led by preseason all-CAA junior receiver, Ray Bolden. Bolden notched 765 yards on 68 catches last season and is the favorite to emerge as Carbone's favorite target.

Transfer guards, redshirt freshman Mason Zimmerman from Maryland and sophomore Jonathan Haynes from West Virginia will crouch next to preseason all-CAA junior tackle Timon Parris. Keeping pressure of a young Carbone, as well as creating workspace for running backs in Priore's run-loaded offense will be key factors in the offense's success.

If Carbone shows more comfort in the pocket and develops a pass-first mentality, the running game will open up for a salivating Bedell. A veteran receiving core may help do just that. Con-

sistency in the quarterback position is key in establishing chemistry and a dual pass and run threat will help keep defenders honest. A sound, reliable passing game could open the play action and give the Seawolves an improved and more diverse scoring arsenal.



Junior wide receiver Ray Bolden

"Joe's the quarterback. You'll see him play one, you'll see him at the end of the game."

- Chuck Priore  
 Head Coach

### THE STARTING LINEUP

#### QUARTERBACK

NO. 10 JOE CARBONE (SO.)

#### RUNNING BACK

NO. 21 STACEY BEDELL (RS JR.)

#### WIDE RECEIVER

NO. 1 TIM KEITH (SR.)

NO. 13 RAY BOLDEN (JR.)

NO. 5 DONAVIN WASHINGTON (JR.)

#### TIGHT END

NO. 45 CAL DANIELS (JR.)

#### OFFENSIVE LINE

NO. 71 TIMON PARRIS (JR.)

NO. 55 ARMANI GARRICK (JR.)

NO. 63 MIKE WHITE (SR.)

NO. 69 JONATHAN HAYNES (SO.)

NO. 76 JACKSON MILLER (JR.)

STARTING LINEUP BASED ON  
 STARTERS VS. NORTH DAKOTA  
 ON SEPT. 1, 2016.

### THREE KEY GAMES



RICHMOND SPIDERS  
 SEPT. 17, 12 P.M.

THE SPIDERS ARE THE DEFENDING CAA CHAMPIONS, RANKED NO. 4 IN FCS.

RHODE ISLAND RAMS  
 OCT. 14, 4 P.M.



THE SEAWOLVES HOST THE RAMS IN OCTOBER FOR HOMECOMING.



ALBANY GREAT DANES  
 NOV. 19, 1 P.M.

STONY BROOK CONCLUDES ITS REGULAR SEASON AT RIVAL ALBANY.

## PLAYER TO WATCH: STACEY BEDELL

After a summer of rehab, feature running back Stacey Bedell will return to the gridiron from a shoulder injury that sidelined him for the final seven games of last season.

"It's just going to be fun getting back out there on the field," Bedell said. "This offseason I was definitely focused on rehabbing my shoulder that I hurt and putting on more weight and becoming stronger. I put on about 10 more pounds, 10-15 more pounds. I feel 100 percent right now."

Fortunately for him, his transition is eased by the pickup of Boston College transfer, Jordan Gowins, a 5-11, 225-pound Bellport native who won

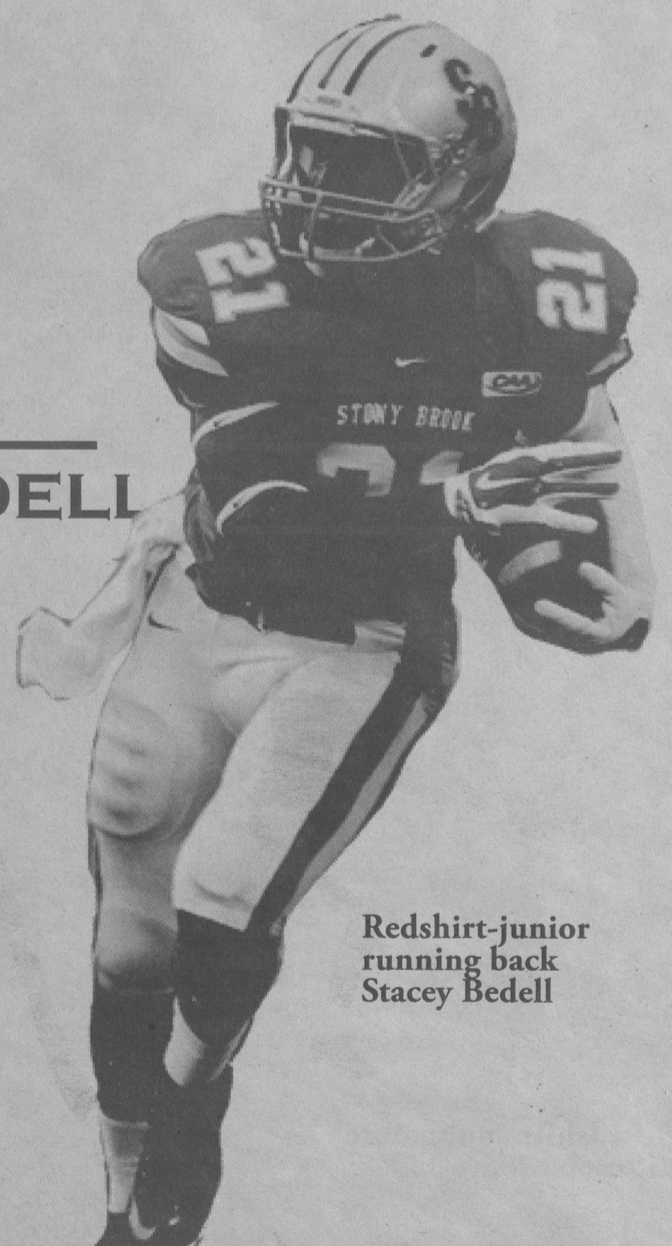
Newsday's 2013 Hansen Award for the top high school football player in Suffolk County. Gowins, as well as last year's leading rusher, sophomore Donald Liotine, will split workload and offer a downhill compliment to Bedell's shifty style of running.

Given Priore's run-heavy offense, expect all three backs to receive consistent touches with Bedell taking the lion's share.

"Stacey, Jordan and Donny [Liotine] will all play," Priore said. "They all do something a little differently and play their roles as their strengths."

With a sound defense in place, Stony Brook's success is predicated

on its offensive production. You cannot win games if you cannot put points on the board. If the Seawolves were to make the playoffs, Bedell would need to return to 2014 form, a year that culminated in 1,070 yards, nine touchdowns and 5.5 yards per carry. The William Floyd High School alum would then take pressure off of a developing Carbone and provide some desperately sought after offense, something hard to come by these past three years.



Redshirt-junior running back Stacey Bedell

# 68

## Number to Know

Junior wide receiver Ray Bolden had 68 receptions in the 2015 season, the most by a Stony Brook player since 2007, when Lynell Suggs caught 75 passes.



Head Coach: Brendan Faherty (1st season)  
 2015 Record: 6-9-3 overall (7th in America East)  
 2016 Preseason Poll: 6th in America East  
 Scoring Offense, 2015: 1.06 goals per game  
 Scoring Defense, 2015: 1.22 goals per game

# WOMEN'S SOCCER

## THE STARTING LINEUP

### FORWARD

NO. 2 LINDSAY HUTCHINSON (SR.)  
 NO. 32 JORDYN KLAPPER (SO.)

### MIDFIELD

NO. 21 LEA KALMBACH (FR.)  
 NO. 22 PRISCILLA WIGGINS (SR.)  
 NO. 23 CHRISTEN CAHILL (JR.)

### DEFENSE

NO. 8 JADA STEWART (FR.)  
 NO. 7 JULIE JOHNSTONBAUGH (SO.)  
 NO. 17 SYDNEY VAUGHN (JR.)  
 NO. 4 HANNAH GROTH (SR.)  
 NO. 28 KAITLIN LOUGHREN (SO.)

### GOALKEEPER

NO. 1 SHANNON ROBINSON (JR.)

STARTING LINEUP BASED ON  
 STARTERS VS. YALE  
 ON AUG. 31, 2016.

Senior forward Raven Edwards

## HIRING OF FAHERTY OPENS NEW ERA OF STONY BROOK SOCCER

By Tim Oakes  
 Staff Writer

The beginning of the 2016 fall season for Stony Brook Women's Soccer marks the dawn of a new era for the program. New coach Brendan Faherty, former Washington Huskie assistant coach, takes over the program after 31 seasons under Sue Ryan.



However this is not Faherty's first time on campus. He remembers playing at Stony Brook in the late 1990s, when he competed against them

during his time as a student-athlete at Northeastern. But that was before Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium was even built.

"We played on that grass field, way back, between the turf fields and softball field," Faherty recalled. "I see how far this school and this campus has come in roughly 17 years, it's pretty impressive."

Prior to signing a contract with Stony Brook he served as the assistant women's soccer head coach at both the University of Washington and the University of Massachusetts after he was the head coach for the University of New Haven for eight seasons. He looking to translate his success from his previous jobs to Stony Brook.

While a new coach does mean a new direction, there is still plenty of roster turnover from last season's team.

Senior forward Raven Edwards and senior midfielder Priscilla Wiggins are two players who have helped promote a smooth transition to a new coach by working hard and leading by example.

"They were both two of the top three people in our fitness test," Faherty said. "They have a lot of attributes I believe

Senior midfielder Priscilla Wiggins is the player to watch as Stony Brook Women's Soccer begins the 2016 season. But Wiggins is no newcomer. She enters the season as a fifth year senior who was able to play this fall season because she redshirted in 2014.

She was a major contributor as a defender in her first few seasons with the Seawolves. Wiggins has three career goals and showing that she can work with the offense when given the opportunity. She has New coach Brendan Faherty switched things up this year by asking her to play midfield. A transition she has been working hard on all summer.

"I had to work on my game awareness and also my first touch," Wiggins said. "So in the game it's just being aware of everyone around me and being able to play it tight spaces."



Wiggins will add another element to the team's transition from defense to offense in addition to adding experience to the Seawolves attack.

in, and I can relate really well with both of them."

Edwards enters the season as the clear cut leader of this team. Over the last two seasons she has lead the Seawolves in goals scored, including finishing second in the conference last season with nine goals. Faherty wanted Edwards to shoot all summer to work on her striking and is expecting a lot of goals from her this season.


"He made it easy for all of us to buy into what he wanted with the program," Edwards said of her new coach.


Junior goalkeeper Shannon Robinson was named starting goalie after beating out senior goalie Emily Doherty, who started most of the Seawolves games last season, to claim the starting role.

Robinson, a four-year letterwinner in high school, redshirted and suffered from injuries in her first two years with the team. Wiggins was moved from her role as a defender to becoming a midfielder to get her involved in the offense and transition. She has prepared all summer for the position and lead by example.

Brendan Faherty and the Seawolves will look to improve upon the team's America East record of 3-4-1 in 2015.

### THREE KEY GAMES


 UCONN HUSKIES  
 SEPT. 22, 12 P.M.


 THE SEAWOLVES LOOK FOR AN UPSET OVER THE NATION'S NO. 15 TEAM.

ALBANY GREAT DANES  
 SEPT. 29, 7 P.M.

STONY BROOK FACES ITS RIVAL, THE 2015 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.



 HARTFORD HAWKS  
 OCT. 23, 1 P.M.

 STONY BROOK HOSTS LAST SEASON'S AMERICA EAST REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS.

"I had to work on my game awareness and also my first touch. So in the game it's just being aware of everyone around me and being able to play it into tight spaces."

- Priscilla Wiggins  
 Senior midfielder

Senior midfielder Priscilla Wiggins

## PLAYER TO WATCH: PRISCILLA WIGGINS

## Number to Know

Before Brendan Faherty was hired as Stony Brook Women's Soccer head coach last December it had been 31 years since the program has made a change of coach. Faherty took over for Sue Ryan.

# 31



# VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Coley Pawlikowski (4th season)  
 2015 Record: 12-19 overall (4th in America East)  
 2016 Preseason Poll: 3rd in America East  
 2015 Hitting Percentage, offense: .198  
 2015 Hitting Percentage, defense: .215

## SEAWOLVES LOOK TO OVERCOME ROSTER INEXPERIENCE

By Skyler Gilbert  
 Sports Editor

Rare is the women's volleyball team that starts six underclassmen. Even rarer is the women's volleyball team whose libero is taller than its star middle blocker.

For the 2016-17 Stony Brook Volleyball team, both anomalies are true.

While the latter is more of a quirk than an issue — 5-foot-8-inch sophomore McKyla Brooks has athleticism that can more than make up for her vertical shortcomings — the former presents a legitimate concern: This team is one of the least experienced in all of NCAA volleyball.

But head coach Coley Pawlikowski sees her team's youth as an asset, not a hindrance, and will look to get all her rookies playing time early in the year to adjust to the college game.

"It's baptism by fire," Pawlikowski said. "All five of our freshmen got on the court [in the opening weekend tournament] and I think they had a really good preseason. They're

learning by the example that we're trying to create on and off the court."

The Seawolves were ranked No. 3 in the America East Preseason Coaches' Poll, behind Albany and New Hampshire, the defending champion. Being a young team, others in the conference may not be aware of Stony Brook's style and ability, making them perhaps a dark horse to compete.

"Maybe," Pawlikowski responded to the dark horse label. "I kind of like being in that position going into a season."

The sophomore class will act as the leadership on the court. All three true sophomores — Brooks, setter Morgan Kath and outside hitter Taylor Wilson — started in their freshman seasons, with each garnering at least one weekly award.

"This is our year to step up," Brooks said, "and prove that we can be good leaders to the incoming freshmen."

Among the five-member freshman class are three starters: oppo-

site-side hitter Maria Poole, and outside hitters Liz Pulver and Jordan Gels.

Poole, a 6-foot-2-inch Norwegian with international playing experience, provides a left-handed presence on the right flank, increasing the potency of the offensive attack.

According to Pawlikowski, Gels has the defensive versatility to be a six-rotation player out of the gate for the Seawolves. Pulver is a strong three-rotation player who will be looked on to develop her game more roundedly.

Among the four seniors that graduated the team last season, perhaps the most difficult to replace is Kathy Fletcher, who was a high-volume hitter, leading the America East with 400 kills. Instead of depending on one single player to pick up the number of attacks, Stony Brook will take a by-committee approach to the offense.



Sophomore setter Morgan Kath



## PLAYER TO WATCH: MORGAN KATH

For the second straight year, sophomore setter Morgan Kath will be tasked with orchestrating the Stony Brook offense.

Kath hopes this year will be different than 2015, when her season was cut in half by a broken foot that sidelined her from action for over a month.

"I think while I was watching my team, I think I learned a lot about how we play on and off the court," Kath said. "It's not just the sport of volleyball, it's the whole aspect of communication and camaraderie, it's all part of volleyball."

With Kath at setter, she adds versatility. The team's former setter, Nicole Vogel, who graduated last year, was more of

"It's not just the sport of volleyball. It's the whole aspect of communication and camaraderie, it's all part of volleyball."

- Morgan Kath  
 Sophomore setter

a digger on the defensive side of the ball. Kath, being 5-foot-10-inches, is adept on the front line and can contribute on the block as well for Stony Brook.

"We're really excited for her to be back," Pawlikowski said. "She's super athletic, pretty dynamic. Her location is something that we're working on but her athleticism is unbelievable. Sometimes she'll create an offense that's pretty exciting. She has a lot to offer and the level she can play above the net is something to be excited about."

In 72 sets played during her freshman season, Kath averaged 9.19 assists per match.

## THE STARTING LINEUP

### MIDDLE BLOCKER

- No. 1 MCKYLA BROOKS (SO.)
- No. 12 TAYLOR WILSON (SO.)

### OUTSIDE HITTER

- No. 6 JORDAN GELS (FR.)
- No. 11 LIZ PULVER (FR.)

### OPPOSITE-SIDE HITTER

- No. 5 MARIA POOLE (FR.)

### SETTER

- No. 3 MORGAN KATH (SO.)

### LIBERO

- No. 7 MELANN AMORY (JR.)

STARTING LINEUP BASED ON STARTERS VS. LOUISVILLE ON SEPT. 3, 2016.



Sophomore middle blocker McKyla Brooks

## THREE KEY GAMES

IONA GAELS  
 SEPT. 7, 7 P.M.

**IONA GAELS** THE SEAWOLVES FACE THE GAELS IN THEIR HOME OPENING MATCH.

ALBANY GREAT DANES  
 OCT. 9, 1 P.M.



STONY BROOK HOSTS ALBANY, THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE IN THE CONFERENCE.



NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS  
 OCT. 28, 7 P.M.

STONY BROOK PLAYS THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS.

**.645** Number to Know

Stony Brook won 64.5 percent of its third sets in 2015, winning 20 and losing 11. By comparison, the Seawolves had a 13-18 record in both the first and second sets.



Head Coach: Chuck Priore (11th season)  
 2015 Record: 5-5 overall (7th in CAA)  
 2016 Preseason Poll: 8th in CAA  
 Scoring Defense, 2015: 15.7 points per game  
 Total Defense, 2015: 250.1 yards per game

# FOOTBALL: DEFENSE

## THE STARTING LINEUP

### SECONDARY

No. 27 DARIN PEART (JR.)  
 No. 17 CHRIS COOPER (JR.)  
 No. 8 JAHEEM WOODS (SR.)  
 No. 2 TRAVON REID-SEGURE (JR.)

### LINEBACKER

No. 37 JOHN HAGGART (JR.)  
 No. 41 NOAH MCGINTY (RS SO.)  
 No. 35 SHAYNE LAWLESS (RS SO.)  
 No. 6 TYRICE BEVERETTE (JR.)

### DEFENSIVE LINE

No. 95 AARON THOMPSON (SR.)  
 No. 94 JOSH VALENTIN (RS SO.)  
 No. 93 OUSMANE CAMARA (JR.)

STARTING LINEUP BASED ON  
 STARTERS VS. NORTH DAKOTA  
 ON SEPT. 1, 2016.

## SEAWOLVES DEFENSE LOOKS TO RELOAD AND RETAIN DOMINANCE

By Kunal Kohli  
 Assistant Sports Editor

After a season of defensive success, there are many questions for Stony Brook Football coming into this season. The lack of experience at linebacker and loss of talent on the defensive line will be issues that the Seawolves will have to tackle.



Junior defensive end  
 Aaron Thompson

The Seawolves ranked No. 1 in run defense in the Colonial Athletic Association last year, with defensive end Victor Ochi anchoring the front line. With Ochi now on the practice squad of the New York Jets, Stony Brook will look for a leader on defense to continue their success.

"Whenever you lose very good players, you don't know how you're actually going to be," head coach Chuck Priore said. "But I think we have enough players on defense and as good as those kids are, there are other kids around them that made them as good as they are."

Priore will rely on senior defensive back Jaheem Woods and junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette to lead the secondary. Senior defensive lineman and CAA Preseason All-American Aaron Thompson will lead the four up front. With a young linebacker corp in tow, the Seawolves will need their secondary to step up and line to keep up its dominating performance as it has done in past years. "We got some depth at the corner position," Priore said of the team's secondary. "We have a couple young kids in the secondary that are going to help us—Gavin Heslop and Synceir Malone who both redshirted last year. Overall, we got enough guys and they got to play their responsibility."

The team starts off with two offensive powerhouses in the first two games. Stony Brook defeated North Dakota 13-9 on Thursday night and are set to take on Temple's all-time leader in touchdown passes, completions and total offense, quarterback Phil Walker on Sept. 10. While Santiago tested the strength of the

Seawolves' defensive line and edge rushers, Walker presents the secondary with one of its biggest tests of the season.

Games against last season's CAA co-champions Richmond on Sept. 17 and William and Mary on Nov. 11 will also present Stony Brook with tough defensive matchups. Last season, the Tribe shut out the Seawolves 21-0, with then-junior running back Kendall Anderson's 50-yard rushing touchdown being the nail in the coffin. Richmond advanced to the FCS semifinals last season and is 4th in the coaches poll.

Priore emphasized that coming together as a team would be crucial for the Seawolves to win these games.

"We have to learn how to handle adversity to come back whether it's in a game or in five minutes," Priore said. "I want to play as a team. The most discouraging thing is, 'How do you handle the adversity?' and there's things you have to do. This team worked hard to be a team."

**"Whenever you lose very good players, you don't know how you're actually going to be. But I think we have enough players on defense, and as good as those kids are, there are other kids around them that made them as good as they are."**

- Chuck Priore  
 Head Coach

## SPECIAL TEAMS PREVIEW:

After Thursday night's win against North Dakota, Stony Brook Football's special teams has answered some of the questions that have been buzzing around the team since last year's season-closing win against Albany. The punt unit has improved and the Seawolves are starting to figure out patterns in punt blocks.

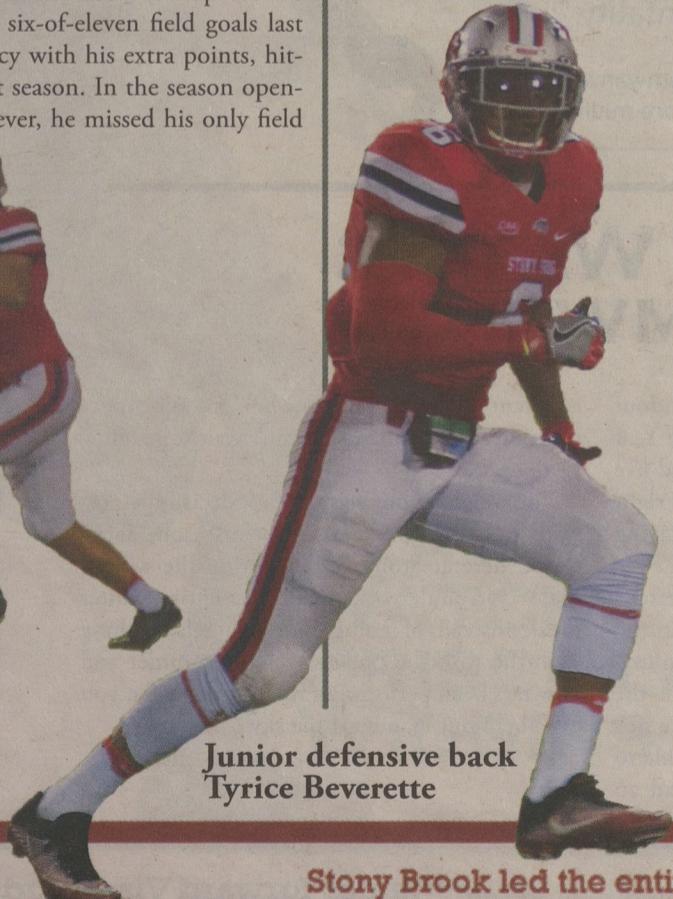
Freshman Gavin Heslop managed to figure out a one-on-one matchup on Thursday night and exploited it for a game-winning punt. The team consistently pressured the punter and it came up big in the end.

Redshirt sophomore punter Marc Nolan, who averaged 33.6 yards per punt, showed improvement in the win against the Fighting Hawks. Nolan averaged 38 yards per kick and three of his six punts went inside the 20-yardline.

But questions surrounding the field goal unit still remain. Senior kicker Przemyslaw Poppek will look to improve his field goal kicking after hitting six-of-eleven field goals last season. He did show consistency with his extra points, hitting all 21 attempts he had last season. In the season opener against North Dakota, however, he missed his only field goal attempt.



Redshirt-sophomore punter Marc Nolan



Junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette

## PLAYER TO WATCH: TYRICE BEVERETTE

Junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette is poised for a big season. The New Jersey native was named third team All-CAA Football last season after recording 47 tackles, which tied him for third on the team. With a leadership role, Beverette will have to outdo himself if the Seawolves defense wants to succeed.

Although he is a defensive back, Beverette seems to have a knack for getting into the backfield. He recorded seven tackles and a sack on Thursday night. Last season he tallied 3.5 tackles for losses and 1.5 sacks in eight games.

Last season, Beverette's season was cut short when he suffered a high ankle sprain against Elon in a Halloween day 21-7 loss. While the average recovery time for a high ankle sprain is four-to-six weeks, stiffness can still occur. Beverette will have to prove that his ankle is healthy enough to still be an effective edge rusher.

Number to Know

Stony Brook led the entire Football Championship Subdivision by limiting opponents to only 145 first downs in 2015. The Seawolves also led the country in yards allowed per game (250.1).

145



# MEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach: Ryan Anatol (6th season)  
 2015 Record: 7-8-3 overall (6th in America East)  
 2016 Preseason Poll: T-5th in America East  
 Scoring Offense, 2015: 1.28 goals per game  
 Scoring Defense, 2015: 1.50 goals per game

## MEN'S SOCCER WILL NEED TO LEARN TO PLAY AWAY FROM HOME

By Gregory Zarb  
 Staff Writer

Fall is slowly approaching, which means back to school. However, the Stony Brook Men's Soccer team has already been getting back into the swing of things as its 2016 season started.

The Seawolves are looking to redeem themselves after their first round playoff loss ended their season earlier than expected. However, head coach Ryan Anatol has already seen major improvements from last season and knows that his team means business this year.

"You look at last year, and we were a very young team," coach Anatol said. "We started a lot of young guys last season. But when looking [at] our the team this year, it's not an old group, but it's not a young group. It's a group that has now played college soccer games and they have a year or two of experience under their belts."

However, the Seawolves will have a tough challenge this year, not just in their opponents, but in location.

The team has flip-flopped from the 2015-2016 season, in which they had nine home games, to having nine away games this season. However, sophomore midfielder Serge Gamwanya doesn't think that it will be too difficult of a task.

"In the spring season, we had three of our five games away," Gamwanya said. "Coach was preparing us for this fall, to go on the road often and get the points we need. It really helped us preparing the road game mentality."

Another challenge Stony Brook faces is in leadership. The team's

offensive leader of the last four years, Martin Giordano, graduated last spring and it seemed that there would be a lack of leadership without him. Both Anatol and Gamwanya don't think that's the case.

"He was here for four years, was a team leader, but he graduated, and that's college soccer," coach Anatol said. "We have guys who I think will fill in that hole from a play standpoint. I think junior forward Vince (Erdei) will take a larger role in the attack and we have guys who can play next to him and perform well. From a leadership point, we have plenty of guys from last year and years past who will fill the role easily."

"Martin was a big leader for us last year," Gamwanya said about his former teammate. "Last year, we got guys who were able to build off of his leadership, like Vince, (sophomore) Martieon Watson, me and junior Danny Espinoza. Those guys come in with their leadership and it's different. Last year, we had one kind of leader and this year it feels like there is at least six leaders."

With three games under their belt so far, the Seawolves will look to build on their 1-2-0 record to achieve the goal Gamwanya has set for himself and the team,

which is for the team to be in the Top 2 of its conference.



### THE STARTING LINEUP

#### FORWARD

NO. 7 VINCE ERDEI (JR.)  
 NO. 17 EDUARDO VALLE (SR.)

#### MIDFIELD

NO. 6 THIBAUT DUVAL (JR.)  
 NO. 10 SERGE GAMWANYA (SO.)  
 NO. 8 MARTIEON WATSON (SO.)  
 NO. 12 JARRED DASS (FR.)

#### DEFENSE

NO. 4 LARS TOGSTAD (GR.)  
 NO. 5 DANNY ESPINOZA (JR.)  
 NO. 20 BARNABAS MAKO (JR.)  
 NO. 22 TAVARES THOMPSON (SR.)

#### GOALKEEPER

NO. 24 TOM MCMAHON (RS JR.)

STARTING LINEUP BASED ON  
 STARTERS VS. CANISIUS  
 ON SEPT. 4, 2016.


Junior forward  
 Vince Erdei

Sophomore  
 midfielder  
 Serge Gamwanya


"In the spring season, we had three of our five games away. Coach was preparing us for this fall, to go on the road often and get the points we need. It really helped us preparing the road-game mentality"

- Serge Gamwanya  
 Sophomore midfielder


### THREE KEY GAMES

 VERMONT CATAMOUNTS  
 OCT. 1, 7 P.M.

THE SEAWOLVES OPEN THEIR CONFERENCE SLATE AGAINST THE DEFENDING CHAMPS.

 ALBANY GREAT DANES  
 OCT. 22, 7 P.M.

STONY BROOK HEADS TO ALBANY FOR A CONFERENCE MATCHUP.

 BINGHAMTON BEARCATS  
 OCT. 29, 7 P.M.

STONY BROOK LOOKS FOR REVENGE AGAINST THE TEAM THAT KNOCKED IT OUT LAST SEASON.

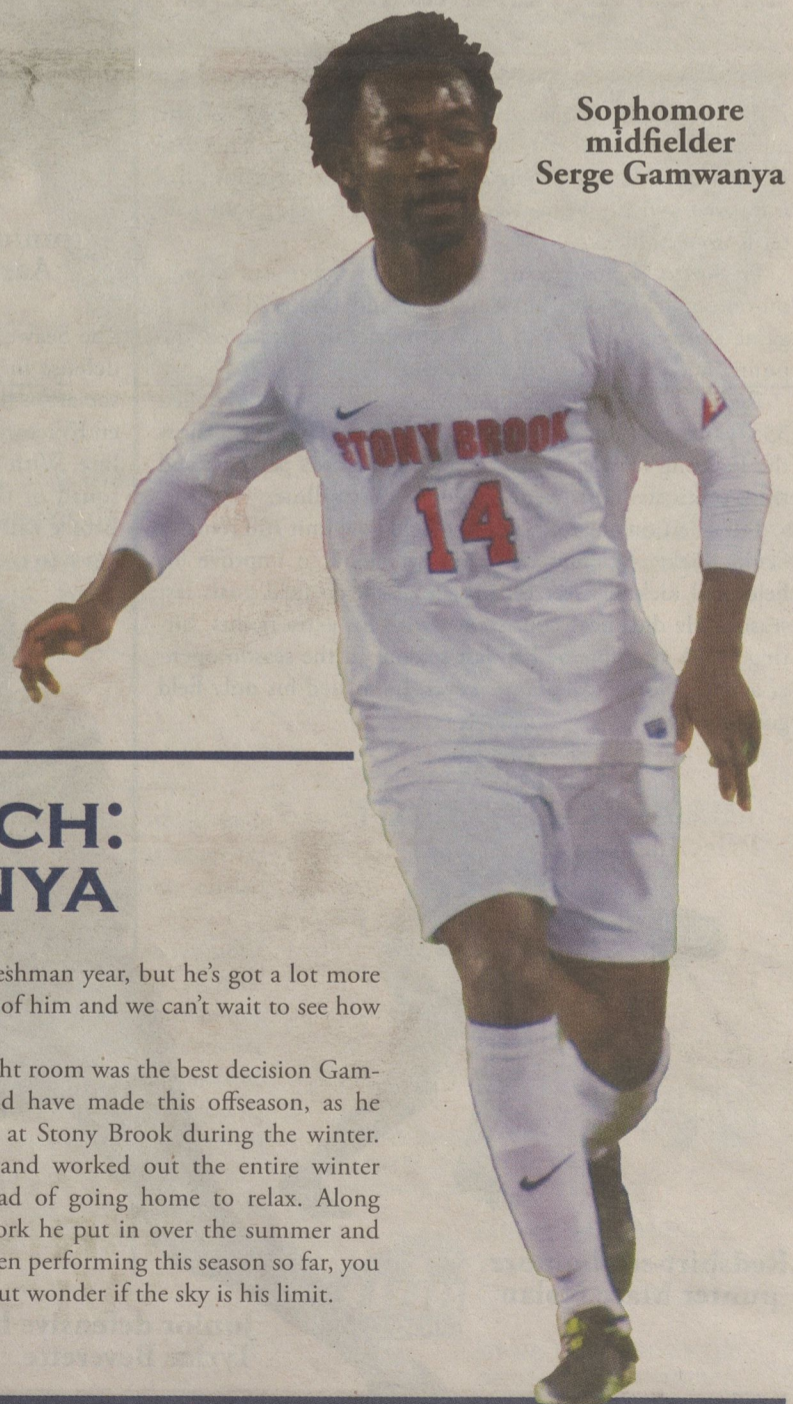
## PLAYER TO WATCH: SERGE GAMWANYA

Sophomore Serge Gamwanya was a standout player last season, winning Rookie of the Year with a total of 11 points on three goals and five assists. Four games in, and he's picking up right where he left off last season, already having scored a goal.

"With time, he continues to get better," Anatol said. "He's had an entire fall and spring college soccer season to become more comfortable, get better and more settled. I think the weight room has been good for him, where he's been able to get stronger. He's also been able to take on more of a leadership role. He had an

excellent freshman year, but he's got a lot more time ahead of him and we can't wait to see how he does."

The weight room was the best decision Gamwanya could have made this offseason, as he stayed here at Stony Brook during the winter. He stayed and worked out the entire winter break instead of going home to relax. Along with the work he put in over the summer and how he's been performing this season so far, you can't help but wonder if the sky is his limit.



# .229 Number to Know

Junior forward Vince Erdei had a .229 shooting percentage in 2015. Erdei's shot accuracy and goal total, eight, each led the Seawolves on the season.



Head Coach: Andy Ronan (17th season)  
 2015 Men's finish: 2nd at AE Championships  
 2015 Women's finish: 3rd at AE Championships

# CROSS COUNTRY

## WITH STARS BATTLING INJURIES, NEW RUNNERS WILL LOOK TO EMERGE FOR STONY BROOK

By Alex Blanc  
 Staff Writer

Both of head coach Andy Ronan's teams will have to start the season without their star runners. Junior Michael Watts and senior Christina Melian are nursing injuries, leaving a leadership void wide open. The men's and women's teams will be looking for a new face to set the tone for their team, filling the vacancy left by the injury bug.

The men's team will have a new look this year, as 10 freshman have been named to the roster. Coach Ronan cited new training methods and a heavier workload as two of the biggest adjustments freshmen undergo.

"We work on developing a routine from day one, from the end of August to the middle of May to balance everything," Ronan said.

Among the freshmen is junior Steven Biondi's little brother Chris. The younger Biondi was a letter winner his entire high school career at Pine Bush High School and was a captain for the cross country team his senior year. He will have to compete at a higher level in order to be the standout of his freshmen class.

The lone senior on the team, Matthew Lee, has a lot of new young talent that he, along with the juniors, will mentor throughout the season.

"While we have a lot of freshman, on both squads, we do have a really good core of juniors," Ronan said. The core of juniors, led by Watts, performed very well last year at the conference championships and placed second overall in the conference and 10th in the region.

The women's team is comprised of mostly upper class talent with considerable

experience. Many of Ronan's athletes participate in both the cross country and track seasons, most notably senior Christine Eisenberg, who was the standout athlete during last year's track and field season. She was the only athlete to qualify for the NCAA regionals four months ago, competing in the 3000m steeplechase.

Melian remains a solid number one for Ronan's squad, but will not compete until October, as she works on regaining her cardio. The senior from Staten Island is already a decorated veteran and is looking to lead the team to a better finish than last year's third place conference spot. Coach Ronan believes that the team is ready for a bounce-back season.

"We expect to be back in the mix this year with the squad that we have," Ronan said.

"While we have a lot of freshmen, on both squads, we do have a really good core of juniors."

- Andy Ronan  
 Head Coach

### THREE KEY MEETS

PAUL SHORT RUN  
 OCT. 1, 10 A.M.



THE MEET, HOSTED BY LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, IS EXPECTED TO MARK CHRISTINA MELIAN'S SEASON DEBUT.

PRINCETON INVITATIONAL  
 OCT. 15, 10 A.M.



THE ANNUAL MEET WILL PREPARE STONY BROOK FOR CONFERENCES.

AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 OCT. 29, 10 A.M.



HOSTED BY UMBC.



Men's cross country team



Senior runner  
 Christine Eisenberg

## PLAYER TO WATCH: CHRISTINE EISENBERG

Senior Christine Eisenberg looks to follow up her breakout 2016 spring season in track and field, where she found herself competing in the first round of the NCAA regional championship in the 3000m steeplechase.

With fellow senior star Christina Melian rehabbing an injury, Eisenberg will have an opportunity to emerge as the most prominent team leader. Coach Ronan is hopeful that the momentum from Eisen-

berg's performance during the spring track and field season will spill over to the entire team.

"If she can do the same in cross country, that'll become a big factor in our conference meets," Ronan said.

The Hauppauge native, who has been a part of the cross country team for three years, will be in the strongest spotlight of her career as her team looks to bounce back from their lowest finish in over seven years at third in the conference.

## Number to Know

Among opposing runners returning in 2016, no-one in the America East came within 42.6 seconds of now-senior Christina Melian's winning 2016 America East Championship time of 17:53.3.

# 42.6



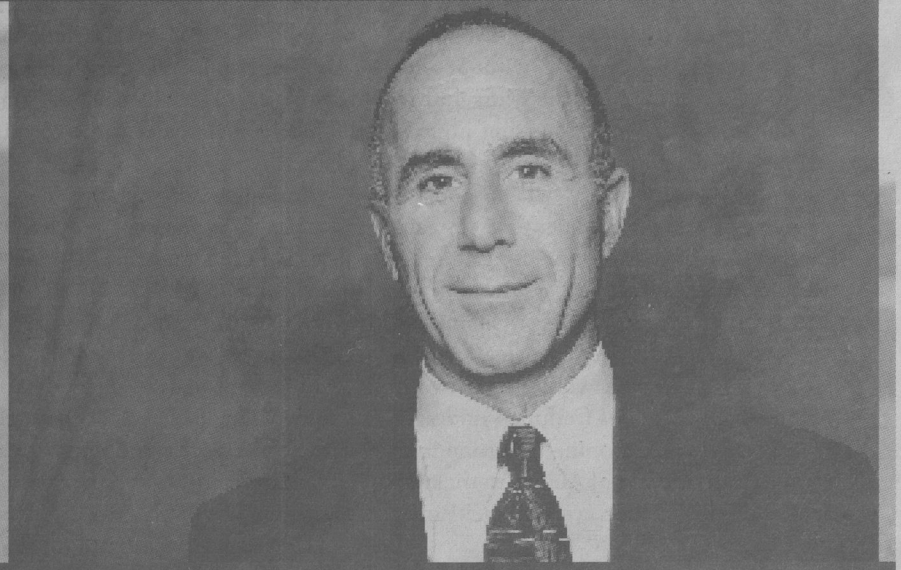


“[W]hen looking at our team this year, it’s not an old group, but it’s not a young group. It’s a group that has now played college soccer games and they have a year or two of experience under their belts.”

Ryan Anatol, Men’s Soccer Head Coach

“I want to play as a team. The most discouraging thing is, ‘how do you handle the adversity?’ and there’s things you gotta do. This team worked hard to be a team.”

Chuck Priore, Football Head Coach

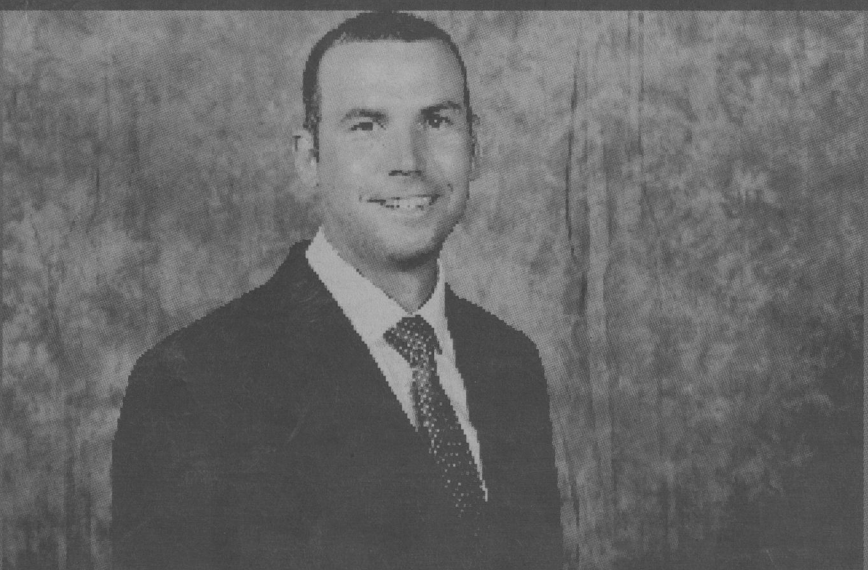


“I think our off-the-court culture and chemistry is some of the best we’ve ever had. This year, the goal is to translate that to on-the-court success.”

Coley Pawlikowski, Volleyball Head Coach

“We work on developing a routine from day one, from the end of August to the middle of May, to balance everything.”

Andy Ronan, Cross Country Head Coach



“I want opposing teams to watch us and say ‘That’s how Stony Brook plays.’”

Brenden Faherty, Women’s Soccer Head Coach