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## Stony Brook faculty ranked fifth worst professors by Princeton Review

By Justine Josue  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University prides itself on high rankings, but in some cases, being high up on the list may not be something to brag about.

The Princeton Review ranked Stony Brook as having the fifth worst professors out of 381 universities with comparable academics.

The ranking, which came out of a compilation of 62 separate ranking lists in Best 381 Colleges, is based solely on student surveys.

The Princeton Review considers currently-attending students to be the real college experts, according to David Soto, the co-author of this compilation of rankings.

In the list "Professors Get Low Marks," Stony Brook ranked higher, or in this case worse, than fellow New York schools St. John's University and CUNY Queens College.

Alex Eustace, a junior English education major, recalls a professor who he thinks was particularly bad.

"He frequently ended class early by 50 minutes after he would run out of material," Eustace said.

"Each semester, there's maybe just one professor I like out of all



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Stony Brook University Seawolves running backs Stacey Bedell and Jordan Gowins jump in celebration of their victory over the Rhode Island Rams this year at Homecoming. The game ended in a 14-3 win. More on page 16.

of them," Joyce Young, a sophomore chemistry major, said. "That's not good."

Young feels that many of her professors don't seem to want to teach.

She can sympathize with them, though, since she believes many people in science, herself included, are not the most social people.

"It's weird to speak in front of a group of at least two hundred kids," Young said.

But there may be another reason some instructors seem like they don't want to be there: Some actually don't.

University policy requires that all doctoral students teach a

class. Some instructors may not have a love for teaching and may just be teaching to graduate.

The Princeton Review's website, which appears on the first page of results under the Google search "college rankings," experiences high traffic according to Soto.

The list is reaching high numbers of prospective college students, possibly affecting their decisions. But is it misleading them?

For the professorial rankings, students were asked how strongly they agreed with the following statement: Professors are

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## Stony Brook sophomore dies in East Meadow car crash

By Michaela Kilgallen  
News Editor

Quentin Abram, a Stony Brook University sophomore and Westbury resident, died from a car crash on Oct. 9.

At around 8:35 a.m., the car Abram was driving crossed into the opposite lane on Merrick Avenue in East Meadow before striking a tree, according to a news release. He was taken to the hospital and pronounced dead at 9:16 a.m., Newsday reported.

Abram was alone in the 2002 Toyota, according to Newsday. His car was impounded by police for safety and brake inspections. The investigation is ongoing.

Stony Brook University Dean of Students Timothy Ecklund sent an email on Oct. 11 informing students of Abram's death.

"He had many friends at SBU and we will mourn his loss across our campus community," the email read. "On behalf of Stony Brook University, I express our heartfelt condolences to his beloved family and friends."

## Professors weigh in on election forecast model predicting a Trump win

By Jess Stoneburner  
Contributing Writer

In the dimly lit Charles B. Wang Center Theater, students, faculty and community members gathered Wednesday, Oct. 12 to hear Helmut Norpoth and five Stony Brook panelists talk about Norpoth's presidential election primary model at the first Global Forum series.

In February, Norpoth, a political science professor at Stony Brook, predicted Donald J. Trump had a 97 to 99 percent chance of winning the presidential election this coming November.

Norpoth's primary model consists of two elements: the outcome of primaries and which direction the electoral pendulum is swinging that year.

The swing of the electoral pendulum is simple. Usually, after one term, the party that has been occupying the White House wins a second term, and after two terms, it loses.

As for the outcome of the primaries, Norpoth has taken two into consideration for his predictions. The first is New Hampshire, which has been analyzed in his model since he created it. The second is South Carolina, which

he added into the equation since New Hampshire isn't representative of people of color's votes.

Based on both of these ingredients, Trump would overwhelmingly be the winner.

In the 25 elections Norpoth has been making these predictions for, he has been wrong only once, in the 1960 election between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy.

Although these predictions came before Trump's recent scandals surfaced, including his 1995 tax return that shows he could have avoided

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Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Phoenix, Arizona. Trump is Norpoth's forecasted general election winner.



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# Princeton Review used student polling to determine Stony Brook's poor ranking

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interesting and bring their material to life.

Tracy Goodwin, a political science graduate student and professor with bachelor's degrees in psychology and philosophy, said that the organization would have gotten more accurate results if they had asked more than just one question on the topic.

He also noted that the framing of the question could result in some students answering ineffectively.

"Maybe there are professors, very good professors, who don't exactly bring the material to life, but they're still enthusiastic and make it interesting," said Goodwin. "Students may say they disagree with the statement in the survey, but may not think the professor is bad."

Goodwin also raised the question — is student opinion the best way to rank professors?

"Is a good professor one that is liked," Goodwin asked, "or one that teaches well?"

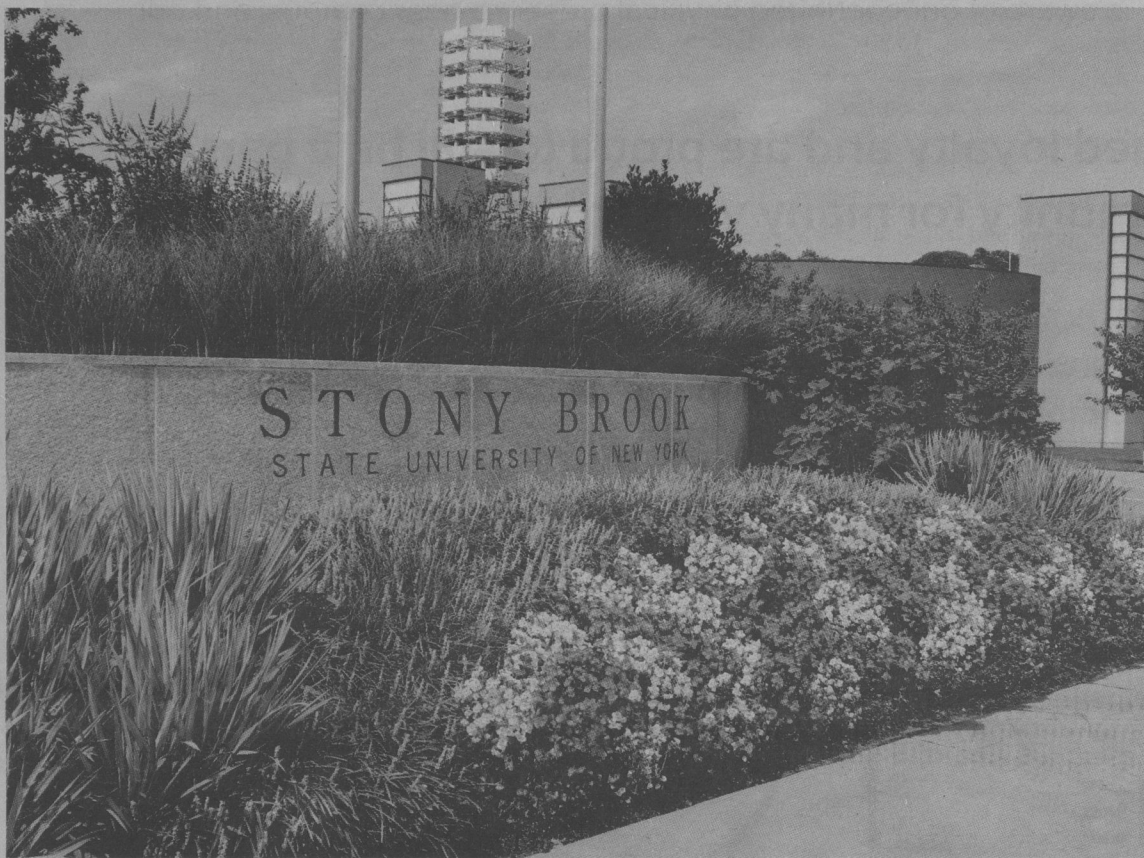
The research published in the 2009 study "Evaluating Teaching

in Higher Education" by Bruce Weinberg, Masanori Hashimoto and Belton M. Fleisher suggested that the two, being liked and teaching well, don't always go hand in hand.

They found that teachers who prepared their students better for the next course in a sequence got worse evaluations.

In the study, evaluations were often influenced more by the grades students received rather than how much they learned in the class.

"Students don't always like being pushed," Goodwin said.



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Stony Brook was ranked by the Princeton Review as having the fifth worst professors out of 381 universities with comparable academics. The ranking was based on student feedback.

## Police Blotter

On Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a vehicle from the valet parking at Stony Brook University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 3:26 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a jacket from a Social and Behavioral Sciences men's bathroom. The case remains open.

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 1:51 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a cell phone from Stony Brook University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3:18 a.m., police arrested an individual for driving under the influence of alcohol at Stony Brook University's Main Entrance.

On Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:24 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly falsely activated a fire alarm in the third elevator at Baruch College. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 10:07 p.m., police found two male students allegedly smoking marijuana in Ammann College's Inner Quad. Police issued one student referral.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 10:08 p.m., police issued one referral to a student allegedly smoking marijuana in Schick College.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 8:11 a.m., an unknown individual allegedly dented a wall in West Side Dining. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 a.m., an unknown individual allegedly keyed a car in the Health Sciences Center Garage open lot. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a patient's belongings from Stony Brook University Hospital Emergency Room. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:11 p.m., police issued a referral to a student allegedly smoking marijuana in a room in Benedict College.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 3:30 p.m., police responded to a domestic incident where a woman allegedly slapped her boyfriend in Benedict College's Inner Quad. The boyfriend declined prosecution. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, at 4 a.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a pair of headphones from Cardozo College. The case remains open.

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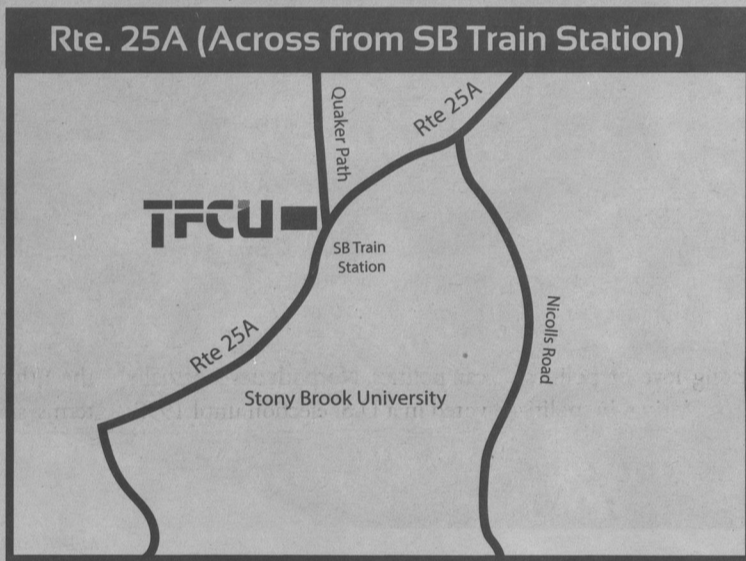


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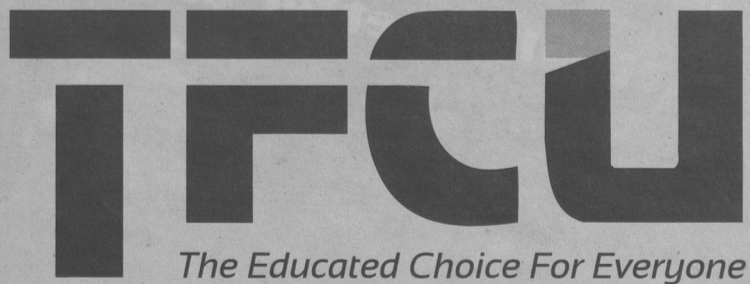
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# Before he predicted a Trump victory, Helmut Norpoth was inspired by JFK

By Chris Gaine  
Contributing Writer

Behind Helmut Norpoth's desk at Stony Brook University is a book case that stands about six feet tall and four feet wide. It's packed to capacity with books mostly covering politics and history — emblematic of his nearly five decades in political education.

On the wall behind him are relics of American politics, including a World War II-era Life Magazine and a Harry Truman campaign poster that he said his son found at a yard sale for a couple of bucks. One of these posters — above all others — bears special significance to him.

"See right here," Norpoth said, pointing to a John F. Kennedy campaign poster. "Right up here."

A 16-year-old Norpoth was about 4,000 miles away from Washington D.C. when Kennedy was elected president in 1960. He was a teenager in his native Germany and admits that he knew little about Kennedy's policy proposals at the time.

"I have to be honest, it was really more [about] glamour," Norpoth said of his support of Kennedy. "If you asked me about it, I knew he was a Democrat, but I mean I don't think that was why I liked him or any particular policies that he had because I don't think I'd be able to name too many. Just the new frontier, getting America moving again."

Kennedy's charisma sparked Norpoth's lifelong love of politics. He ended up majoring in politi-



CHRISTOPHER CAMERON / STATESMAN FILE

## Helmut Norpoth, a political science professor, speaks after forecasting that Trump will win the general election.

cal science at The Free University of Berlin, and eventually studied abroad in America.

"I think my interest in coming into this country, which was about six years after that, was a result of [Kennedy] as well," Norpoth said.

After studying abroad for a semester, Norpoth carried on in the United States. He received master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan, where he had his first experience as a teaching fellow. He then worked as a professor at the University of Texas before returning to Germany for three years to teach statistics. After coming back to America for good, he taught at the University of Arizona briefly, before making his final stop at Stony Brook in 1979.

Despite his expertise in American politics, Norpoth never actually voted in a U.S. election until 1992.

He became a naturalized citizen in 1991.

"I felt [strange] teaching American politics, elections and voting and I don't vote here, because I'm not a citizen," Norpoth said.

And so, Norpoth became an American — just like Kennedy.

One of his most noteworthy accomplishments while at Stony Brook actually came shortly after he voted for the first time, with his development of what he calls the "primary model" to forecast presidential elections.

His model puts emphasis on primary results, particularly in New Hampshire and South Carolina, and takes into account the cyclical nature in which presidents are typically elected. For example, the only time either major party held the White House for three straight terms since 1953 was when Ron-

ald Reagan held office from 1981 to 1989 and when George H.W. Bush held office from 1989 to 1993. Consequently, the model assumes that Democrats will have this factor working against them in November.

The model has been right in all five presidential elections since it was first introduced ahead of the 1996 election, and it has retroactively been correct in every presidential race but one since 1912. The only exception was the 1960 election between JFK and Richard Nixon which Kennedy won.

Norpoth spoke at a Stony Brook Alumni Association event in February, where he shockingly predicted that Donald Trump, if he received the Republican Party nomination, had a 97 percent chance of winning a hypothetical election over former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, according to his election forecast model. This number has since dropped to 87 percent due to the results of the South Carolina primary.

The story was first reported by *The Statesman*. National outlets soon picked up this startling claim and began running their own stories on the Primary Model. Stories about his prediction were printed in *The Daily Caller*, *The Huffington Post*, *Daily Mail* and his story was even featured on the cover of the *New York Post*. Norpoth subsequently appeared on several cable news shows to discuss his findings.

"I didn't expect any kind of attention that really followed it," Norpoth said. "I had no idea. I

had given the same talk in 2012, same venue with the Alumni Association even earlier in January, around the New Hampshire primary. And I predicted Obama would win the election with close to 90 percent certainty."

At 72, Norpoth got his first taste of fame thanks to his model. The fame, however, wasn't something that was discussed in his classes at Stony Brook too much. He stuck to the subject at hand, according to one student.

"I remember one day he showed up wearing a suit, and I was like 'Oh, where was he?'" Kevin Rutigliano, a senior political science major, said. "And my mom watches Fox so she's like, 'Hey, there's this professor from the university on T.V.!' And she's like 'His name is Helmut Norpoth.' And I'm like 'Oh, that's my foreign policy teacher!'"

Norpoth has become somewhat prominent in the media. He has written columns for *The Hill* and *Newsday* recently, but he still continues to do what he loves, teach at Stony Brook. And one former student says that this newfound spotlight hasn't changed him at all.

"He has never once mentioned it to me," Sarah Eller, senior political science major and former teaching assistant of Norpoth, said of his national exposure. "Again, he's an expert in his field, so I don't think it's something that would inflate his ego or profoundly change the way he teaches classes."

Norpoth is still predicting a Trump victory.

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# Global Forum panelists say 2016 election is too unpredictable for model

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paying federal income taxes for years and a tape recording of him bragging about sexually assaulting women, Norpoth stands by his model.

Others are not as convinced. Leonie Huddy, also a political science professor at Stony Brook and one of the panelists at the inaugural forum, called this election an "unusual" one, and therefore believes Norpoth's model couldn't possibly account for all the discontinuities at play.

Everyone can agree this election is unusual for many reasons. As a former reality star that was mocked and doubted from the start, Trump poses as an enigma to some. Both the current Republican and Democratic candidates are historically unpopular. Unfavorability ratings were almost tied back in August with Hillary Clinton at 59 percent and Trump at 60 percent, according to an ABC News/Washington Post poll from August.

Huddy considers this to be an unusual election for a different reason. Clinton is the first woman in U.S. history to be a presidential nominee. That historic aspect of this election tends to be drowned out by all the other white noise in this contentious election, she said.

This leads Huddy to believe that there are more factors at play

this time around. And indeed, Norpoth's method has never been adjusted to account for a female presidential candidate because it never had to be. Until now.

"Gender is incredibly relevant in this election," Huddy said.

When women run for political office, they have to play a different game than men do, Huddy said. Many feel Clinton has to balance being strong while showing emotion, being competent without being intimidating, and being confident but not cocky.

Had Clinton been up against a more moderate Republican, the polls showing her lead with women might have looked different. Clinton wins the female vote with a whopping 20 percentage points over Trump, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released on Oct. 7.

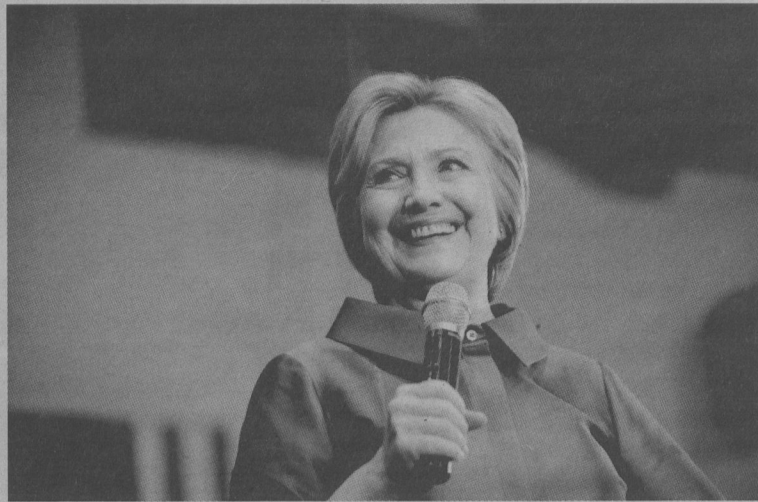
Based on this, Huddy believes the next president of the United States will be Clinton and that there will be consequences within the Republican party.

"One party champions women, and one party is silent," Huddy said.

Stanley Feldman, another political science professor at Stony Brook, thinks recent events will be the demise of Trump.

From 3 a.m. tweets to his temperament to the leaked tapes detailing his treatment of women, Feldman thinks Trump doesn't stand a chance at this point.

"But if we only focus on that



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**Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks at a campaign rally at Carl Hayden High School in Arizona.**

stuff, we're missing something important," Feldman said.

People have the tendency to attribute Trump's surprising ascent to the fact that he was a candidate in a weak field, Feldman said. But he went on to say that is fallacious thinking because Trump was up against experienced and seasoned politicians, people who have been working toward becoming president their entire lives. He won the nomination over the brother and son of former U.S. presidents, and he appealed to the extreme right wing better than did Ted Cruz, who has persistently called for the federal defunding of Planned Parenthood during his career.

"Trump beat a number of credible, strong candidates," Feldman

said. "And the question is, how did he do that?"

Feldman attempted to answer this question. Trump's supporters are made up of mostly white men, but there's another defining characteristic of his base that explains why he's doing so well and that's anger. His supporters are angry about American jobs moving overseas, about illegal immigrants stealing their jobs and about feeling like they haven't had a voice in the past two elections.

Norpoth attributes a Trump victory to this theory. Since Clinton is a candidate of continuity, Trump has a better chance of winning if people want change and if people want someone outside of the political establishment.

This polarization of American

politics has caused even the most politically apathetic to choose a side, so as to not have the other candidate win.

Bob Decostanzo and Rick Rubin are both nontraditional students taking classes at Stony Brook through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program. They both support Clinton.

"Rick's a little more optimistic. I'm a little more cautious," Decostanzo said about a potential Trump presidency.

Barbara Brownsworth, a recently retired Stony Brook linguistics professor, attended the event with her husband, Tom Brownsworth. Both said they were unimpressed with both candidates, but are leaning toward Trump.

To Tom Brownsworth, it's more about the party than the candidate himself. He's worried about who will have the power to choose the Supreme Court Justice who has yet to be appointed following the death of Antonin Scalia. And for him, Trump's ideals coincide with his more than Clinton's do.

"I would like to see a woman president," Barbara Brownsworth said. "C'mon, it's the 21st century."

No matter what differing political views people might have, most can agree this year's still the most interesting one in modern history.

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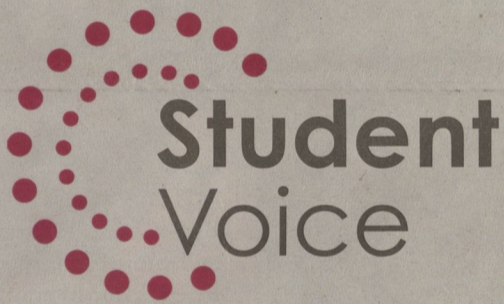
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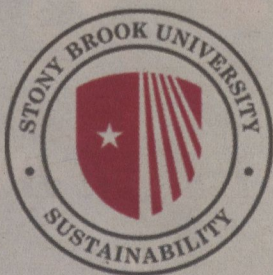


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Homecoming festivities bring out Stony Brook school spirit

By Antonia Brogna  
Contributing Writer

Seawolves Town, in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium parking lot, was home to the traditional pre-Homecoming game tailgate and alumni festivities on Saturday.

Events taking place in the lot marked the end of Wolfstock, the annual week-long celebration of Homecoming, and preceded the Seawolves' victory against the University of Rhode Island Rams later in the evening.

The Wolfstock Barbecue and the student tailgate gave students, alumni and community members the opportunity to show off their Seawolf spirit before the game.

The lot was split into two areas, one for university students who were tailgating, and one for alumni and families to enjoy games and food.

Cars blaring all types of music and students dancing and playing games like Frisbee and football filled the student lot. Many students were serving food out of

the trunks of their cars or grilling on the premises.

Local businesses like Chick-fil-A, 94.3 The Shark radio station and Innovation Toyota sponsored booths and games that filled the other half of the lot.

There was also a live performance by local country rock band Southbound, which inspired many attendees to start line dancing.

Despite the separation, students and alumni walked between the two areas. Parents held small children while standing right next to loud groups of students clutching classic red Solo cups.

"Everyone's connected," Loula Tsirakidis, a junior biology major, said. As a transfer student, she was excited to spend her first homecoming at Stony Brook with her sister and friends. "It's a great study break."

Students were happy to take a break from schoolwork to enjoy Wolfstock festivities.

"Everyone here focuses too much on studying and not enough on social life," Jona-

than Rando, a junior health sciences major, said. "There's not enough school spirit, so I try to contribute."

The annual Wolfstock Barbecue also took place before the game.

This event, which is traditionally a chance for alumni to reconnect, featured a large array of refreshments and entertainment. A candy bar, various drinks, balloon animals and a rock wall, as well as performances by the Stony Brook Taiko Tides Japanese drum team and the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band livened up the cookout.

"We like to give back energy," Kareena Kongyingyong, a senior biochemistry and Spanish double major and vice president of the Taiko Tides, said. "It helps with the whole festival feeling."

The members of the Taiko Tides even took time in between performances to teach guests about playing their cultural drums.

"When we see the little kids doing it, that's the best part for me," Kongyingyong said.



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Homecoming royalty Christina Penna and Casey Getzler.

Manny Cortes, an alumnus from the class of 1989, university employee and proud Stony Brook parent, said that he comes to alumni events like the Homecoming Barbecue to "reconnect with a lot of old friends."

He added that Homecoming now has a special meaning to him because his daughter is a sophomore and is able to partake in the university's festivities as well.

During the game's halftime, the Homecoming king and

queen were announced after much anticipation. The ten candidates lined up on the field donning white sashes, with the women wearing red gowns and men wearing tailored suits.

After a suspenseful drumroll from the marching band, Casey Getzler, a senior music major and drum line captain of the marching band, and Christina Penna, a senior psychology major and president of the Cadence Step Team, were crowned king and queen. President Samuel L. Stanley, Dean Timothy Ecklund and last year's Homecoming Queen Ruchi Shah crowned the winners.

"Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat are not enough. It's all about human connection," Hilda DeJesús, a class of 2007 alumna and a member of the alumni board, said.

"I've always loved Stony Brook, but every year it gets more and more. The sports, the spirit... it's out of control," DeJesús said, adding that it is exciting to see how much her alma mater has grown.



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The Taiko Tides perform at the Wolfstock Barbecue.



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Stony Brook alumni and families attend Homecoming.

## Seawolves showcase their school spirit on the Staller Steps

By Chereese Cross and Beatrice Hyppolite  
Contributing Writers

"What's a Seawolf? ... I'm a Seawolf! ... And Seawolves, what is your profession? ... Awool! Awool! Awool!" were the words that resonated throughout the crowd at the 7th Annual Seawolves Showcase on Friday night.

The event on Staller Steps was full of entertainment and Stony Brook pride the night before the annual Homecoming game.

"The goal and intent was to provide a forum for our students to come together in a dynamic and high energy way, as a community to get energy up and spirits high to kick-start Homecoming weekend," Christine Noonan, coordinator for weekend programs and major events, said.

The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band riled up the crowd with a rendition of the popular Walk the Moon tune "Shut Up and Dance" and the school's fight song.

The Stony Brook Dance Team kept the energy alive with the new dance craze "Juju on that Beat" alongside Wolfie.

Performers were asked what be-

ing a Seawolf means to them.

"Being a proud advocate of what Stony Brook stands for, seeing the beauty in everyone and embracing the differences," performer Christina Penna, senior psychology major and president of Cadence Step Team, said.

The night before, Penna also performed at Wolfstock Creative Explosion as she ran for Homecoming queen.

Vincenza Bartolillo, Stony Brook Dance Team member and junior psychology major, said that being a Seawolf means being a well-rounded individual.

"If we aren't practicing in the studio, we're in the library studying or partaking in events with other organizations," Bartolillo said. "Joining the team really helps us become involved with the Stony Brook community and allows us to show how proud we are of being a Seawolf."

Other groups that performed include Stony Brook Bhangra, CASB Dance Team, PUSO Modern and Le Afrique Dance Team.

The night was not only limited to dance groups. The Stony Brook Pipettes, the Stony Brook High C's

and the Stony Brook Vocalists took the stage and excited the crowd with their a cappella performances.

"The group as a whole is super grateful to be a part of a community that wants to showcase everyone else," Teri Vieira, Stony Brook Vocalists secretary and junior

psychology major, said.

Stony Brook Football players also made an appearance and hyped up the crowd for the Homecoming game with fun dance moves.

"The crowd was amazing, man," Mike Barber, who emceed along with DJ Spynfo, said. "Every year,

Stony Brook just shows us so much love and it's so easy to show it back."

"I love the hype! The spirit is so nice to see," Julia Hagiell, freshman biochemistry major, said.

By the end of the showcase, students were ready for game day.



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Taandava Indian classical dance team members perform at Seawolves Showcase.



# Homecoming Court share their talents at Creative Explosion

By Lazaro Rivera  
Contributing Writer

The annual Stony Brook Creative Explosion was held on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium and showcased this year's Homecoming Court's talents.

Each candidate was able to show why students should vote for them with a question and answer segment and a talent show. This year's candidates included Alexa Mondello, Christina Penna, Erica Ferer, Michelle Olakkengil, Stephanie Castro, Ahmed Khokhar, Casey Getzler, Jack Mosher, James Vassallo and Naveen Mallangada.

The show opened up with an enthusiastic host, and the crowd cheered as Wolfie crossed the stage.

The question and answer segment came first, with the judges panel asking each candidate one question. The panel was comprised of esteemed faculty and alumni like Cheryl Hamilton, the director of the Educational Opportunity Program-Advancement on Individual Merit at Stony Brook, and last year's Homecoming queen, Ruchi Shah, who is currently a first year medical student. The candidates

then pulled a second question out of a hat. These mystery questions were written by former Stony Brook kings and queens.

"Music gives me a creative outlet to express myself," Getzler, a senior music major and drum line captain for the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band, answered when asked how involvement in music made him a spirited Seawolf. "I love how it makes people feel safe and comfortable and not afraid to be up on stage, like I am now," he added.

The candidates this year are leaders on campus and include resident assistants, researchers, student ambassadors, orientation leaders, student assistants, teaching assistants, Undergraduate College fellows, commuter assistants and members of University Scholars and the Honors College.

"I loved being a resident assistant in Mendelsohn Quad," Castro, a senior math major and member of the Stony Brook Belly Dance Troupe, said. "It helped me come out of my comfort zone."

Castro looks forward to being the first person from her family to graduate college this year.

"Being an orientation leader was the opportunity I had to stop

being shy and become more confident," Ferer, a senior biomedical engineering major and Red Watch Band CARE Team member, said.

The judges asked Olakkengil, a senior sociology and psychology double major, about a spoon wars game she wrote about in her Homecoming queen application essay.

"I was very conservative in high school," Olakkengil said. "I remember I played this spoon wars game, that was kind of like an assassin game. I ended up winning, and I asked myself 'Why not?' and proceeded to put myself out there more."

The second part of the night involved the "Creative Explosion" portion, which was a measure of the candidates' creativity. Inflated Pokémon balls and balloons were thrown into the audience as the crowd cheered to Phineas and Ferb and Pokémon theme songs.

Castro showed off her talent with a belly dancing routine. Other performances included playing the ukulele, drums, skits about the first year of college, rap songs, dances, serenades and multiple parody sing along songs. The final act involved step dancers and the marching band.



EVAN YUSON/THE STATESMAN  
Erica Ferer performs at Creative Explosion in the SAC.



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Homecoming King Casey Getzler plays the snare drum.

## This Week at Wolfstock:



ARACELY JIMENEZ/THE STATESMAN  
A Belly Dance Team member performs at the 7th Annual Seawolves Showcase on Oct. 14 on the Staller Steps.



ARACELY JIMENEZ/THE STATESMAN  
Stony Brook cheerleaders at the game.



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The High C's at the Seawolves Showcase.



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Students attend the Homecoming Hoopla.



EVAN YUSON/THE STATESMAN  
Homecoming Court at Creative Explosion.

# Audience becomes jury in upcoming play 'Defamation'

By Kayla McKiski  
Contributing Writer

The nationally acclaimed courtroom drama "Defamation" is coming to Stony Brook with a twist: the outcome is in the hands of the audience.

The thought-provoking play, diving headfirst into issues of race, religion, gender, class and law, will be performed at the Student Activities Center Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m..

"I've never seen a play where the audience is drawn into the story in a way that affects the outcome," Shannon Long, a junior applied mathematics and statistics and economics double major, said.

"Someone who isn't as interested in theater might be more likely to see this play because of that engaging feature."

The play follows a civil suit

between an African-American woman, Ms. Wade, and a Jewish real estate developer, Mr. Golden. After a business meeting at Mr. Golden's house, Ms. Wade is accused of stealing his watch. She then accuses him of defamation, as he has damaged her reputation.

After the 70-minute trial, the jury has 15 minutes to deliberate: was the woman falsely accused of stealing the man's watch?

The judge will poll the audience twice, once before and once after deliberation. The final vote will decide the result of the trial for the plaintiff or for the defendant.

A discussion involving the audience, playwright and cast will follow the end of the play.

The production is a part of Stony Brook's Plan for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity, which

serves to help students become more well-versed on social issues. The show brings light to racial oppression in the criminal justice system, as well as class and gender inequality.

"Whether we like it or not, we still have major divides in this country," playwright Todd Logan said in a news release.

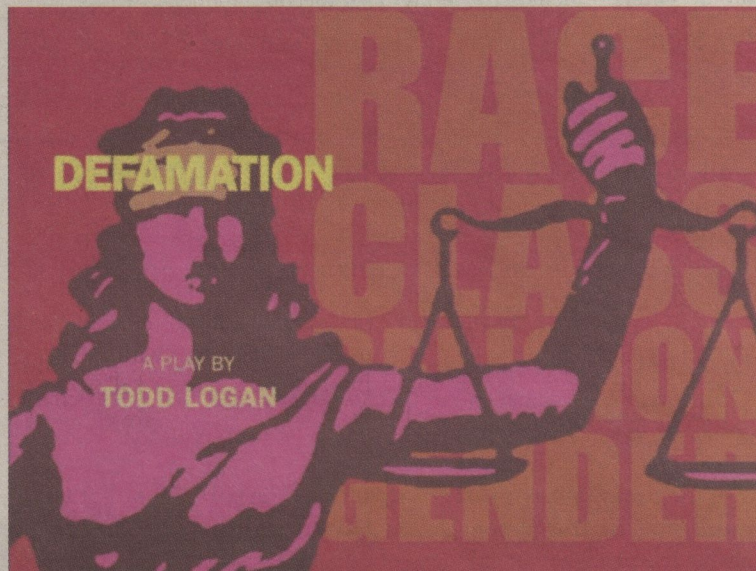
"Most of us still go to bed at night in cities, communities and neighborhoods that are segregated by race, religion, ethnicity and/or class. I wanted to write a play that encourages open, honest conversation that leads to greater understanding and empathy to combat today's prevailing trends."

"Defamation" premiered in November 2010 at the Unitarian Church of Illinois.

Since then, it has been performed over 160 times and has challenged the precon-

ceived notions of more than 30,000 people. The fall 2016 tour will stop at other colleges including Harvard, George Mason

and Boston University. Those interested must RSVP on the university's website by Oct. 20.



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A flyer for the play "Defamation," which will be performed at the Student Activities Center Auditorium on Oct. 25.

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Donald Trump speaking at a rally in Phoenix, Arizona on June 18. In a video from 2005 that was recently leaked, Trump was overheard bragging about groping women.

## Donald Trump is just a symptom of a disease. Toxic masculinity is the bigger problem.

By Genie Ruzicka  
Contributing Writer

Recently, Donald Trump was caught bragging in vulgar terms about kissing, groping and trying to have sex with women during a 2005 conversation caught on tape by *The Washington Post*. In the tape, Trump is heard talking with Billy Bush, host of the nationally syndicated radio show, “The Billy Bush Show,” about a married woman he made moves on, saying that he “tried to f--- her” and that, as a celebrity, he could go up to women and “grab them by the p---y.”

But these “hot mic” comments are not a Trump problem. This is a masculinity problem. The very fact that he could blow this off as “locker room talk” shows that comments and behaviors like these are actively and tacitly accepted and encouraged by men on a regular basis.

The fact that Billy Bush is heard laughing with him in the background and making his own misogynistic comments, and not being called out on it, means that it’s okay for men to hear this and not speak up. The fact that many Republicans are “outraged” over these comments yet still support or propose anti-abortion legislation that actively

makes life more difficult for women and other people with vaginas, means that they don’t truly understand or care about misogyny. They care about losing women voters.

The fact that some outlets and politicians are focusing on these admittedly despicable comments and not on the several women who have accused Trump of assault, including the ongoing investigation into the 13-year-old child who claims Trump raped her, makes it clear that they don’t really care about women or dismantling the systems that made Trump feel comfortable enough to say and do these things without retribution. And yes, I am saying and will continue to say men and masculinity, because it really does not matter whether 100 percent of men or 75 percent of men or 12 percent of men take part in these behaviors. Any number of men is too many. But it is more than some. It is enough men that it is commonplace.

Men hear their brothers, friends, classmates, teammates, etc. say degrading things about women, about sex and about rape every day and laugh along and do nothing about it.

Enough that almost every single one of my friends who are women, who are femmes or who have vagi-

nas have a story (or multiple stories) about an assault. Some don’t even realize what they experienced was an assault. If it isn’t rape, they’ve been told what happened to them isn’t serious, isn’t that bad, isn’t important. If it is rape, they are to blame in some way.

So, no. This isn’t a problem with Trump. This is a problem with the society that let Trump turn into Trump unchecked. This is a problem with a society that will still give Roman Polanski an Oscar and pay for a ticket to Nate Parker’s “Birth of a Nation.” Until there is a generation of women, girls and femmes that do not know what male entitlement is, who have not been blamed for their own assault, who do not have to think about what they are wearing when they walk down the street so that they don’t feel responsible when a man catcalls them or, better yet, when there is a generation of men who know it is unequivocally wrong to make misogynistic jokes, catcall, grope, flash and rape and that it is equally wrong to stand by and let other men do these things — then I will proudly declare not all men.

Until then: Trump is just a symptom. Toxic masculinity is the disease.

## Make your vote count in down ballot races

By Rebecca Liebson  
Staff Writer

60 million viewers recently tuned in to watch a group of undecided voters from around the country ask Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump questions in a town hall style debate.

After witnessing what has been one of the most polarizing elections in our history, it’s hard to imagine that anyone hasn’t made their decision yet. At this

point, most undecided voters are probably so not because they can’t make up their minds, but because they don’t want to. Voters are frustrated. They feel that no matter who wins, nothing will change.

This resonates most strongly among young voters, ages 18-29, who are deeply dissatisfied with both major party nominees, and may choose not to cast their ballots at all. As someone who falls into this age group, I would im-

plore my peers to think twice before sitting out on election day.

You’re probably tired of hearing all the typical arguments: that choosing the lesser of two evils isn’t morally corrupt or that brave Americans fought for universal suffrage, so we owe it to them to exercise our voting rights. But rather than give you a long, pathos-ridden manifesto on civic

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## Voting in down ballot races is just as important

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duty and patriotism, I'm going to sum up the most compelling reason for you to vote on Nov. 8: because you can still make a difference. How? Down ballot races.

It seems like every four years, our nation gets so swept up in the pomp and circumstance of presidential elections that we forget that there's not one branch of government, but three. Contrary to popular belief, the executive branch, which the president presides over, does not hold the majority of power. Sure, the president is endowed with certain exclusive powers like creating executive orders, pardoning felons and meeting with foreign leaders, but these powers typically do not result in any significant policy change. In order to truly make an impact, the president relies on the cooperation of the judicial and legislative branches, both of which (depending on where you live) have elected positions up for grabs on Nov. 8.

So if you think that America is doomed no matter who we elect as president, think again. Your pick for senator and/or U.S. representative could greatly limit or expand the president's lawmaking ability, and help dictate what type of legislation and how much is passed by the next U.S. Congress.

State and local elections shouldn't be neglected by voters because they are, in many ways, more important than national elections. State senators, congressmen, and local governors can truly make a difference in the lives of the electorate. While

the president is doing work like negotiating trade agreements or developing budget proposals, your state senators, city council members, school board members, mayors and other local officials are the ones deciding whether or not to fill potholes in your roads, cut funding for your public schools or allow developers to build high-rise apartments in your neighborhood.

Moreover, your vote carries much more weight in local and state elections than you may think. Since New York is an overwhelmingly blue state, odds are that our electoral votes will go to Hillary Clinton, no matter who you choose. In down ballot races however, pretty much anything goes, especially here on Long Island, which is known to swing either way. So if you feel that your voice is being stifled by the electoral college, voting down ballot gives you a chance to be heard.

But perhaps the strongest argument I can make for you to vote on Nov. 8 is that by failing to vote, you are responsible for the very thing you complain about: two candidates so unappealing that you'd rather stay home than choose between them. When you don't vote, you aren't staging a noble protest or demonstrating your discontent (the establishment doesn't care if you vote or not); you're simply silencing yourself. By taking yourself out of the game, you leave the voting to those with the strongest party ties, which widens the ideological gap between the two party candidates. If more average citizens voted then we would end up with more moderate candidates that have a wider appeal. In the words of journalist George John Nathan, "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

So on Nov. 8, register your protest by voting.

# The dangers of endangered bees

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Contributing Writer

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On Oct. 31, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will, for the first time, put a bee on the Endangered Species List; actually, seven species of wild bees, all from the Hawaiian islands. Another species, the rusty patched bumble bee, has been proposed for listing. This species used to live in a large part of the eastern U.S. and Canada, including Long Island. It is now found only in 41 counties, and is already listed as critically endangered on the IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Red List of Threatened Species.

Wild bee species are declining, not just in the U.S., but worldwide. Although few bee species have been studied sufficiently to determine whether they are threatened, data from those that scientists have studied suggests that up to a quarter of all wild bee species may be threatened with extinction. The causes of decline in bee species is not fully understood, but studies implicate intensive agricultural practices, including pesticide use, other types of environmental pollution, invasive species from other parts of the world, diseases and climate change.

So, why should we care? One important reason is that bees are pollinators. In addition to the more than 20,000 species of wild bees and a few species of domesticated honey bees, many species of other insects, as well as birds and bats, pollinate our crops. According to a recent intergovernmental study sponsored by the U.N.,



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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will, for the first time, place bees on the Endangered Species List, on Oct. 31.

more than a third of our crops depend on pollinators. These include many fruits, vegetables and nuts, as well as coffee and cocoa. Both wild and domesticated pollinators are important for crop pollination; this study found that a diverse community of pollinator species more effectively pollinates our crops than any single species.

I worry about the decline of pollinators, and not just because I like coffee and chocolate. I worry because it is yet another example of one of the biggest challenges of our time. Biodiversity, the spectacular variety of life on Earth, with its intricate patterns and long history of evolution is being lost rapidly because of human im-

pact. Pollination is just one example of how profoundly the natural world affects the health and safety of humans. Beyond maintaining human life and civilization, biodiversity has priceless intrinsic value and unbelievable beauty. When we lose biodiversity, we lose our fundamental connection to other organisms, and our planet's deep evolutionary heritage.

You may ask if simply caring and worrying is enough. Of course not, but I believe it is an excellent start. Because the biggest obstacle to biodiversity conservation is not scientific, technological or economic. It is the same obstacle hindering every positive change: apathy.

## The Princeton Review's professor ranking: Important context was lacking

By Jager Robinson  
Staff Writer

"Are your instructors good teachers?"

That's it. That is the question that is apparently going to define Stony Brook University. *The Statesman* released an article with the headline

"Stony Brook Ranked Fifth Worst Professors By Princeton Review" but the proper context and acknowledgment of flaws in the rankings were not pointed out.

The article mentions that the rankings were based on student surveys, but what did those surveys entail? First of all, the student survey

was 80 questions long. The average student's attention span is about 15 minutes long, according to open-colleges.edu. Now, assuming you answer at the pace of a question every half minute, that survey would take about 40 minutes to complete. I don't know about you guys, but I don't have time for that.

The second problem with the article is that it didn't properly attribute information, which makes it extremely misleading how the survey was conducted. The author mentions that "for the professorial rankings, students were asked how strongly they agreed with the following statement: Professors are interesting and bring their material to life." This suggests that that was the actual question asked, when in reality, that information was given by David Soto, the co-author of the compilation.

In addition, this doesn't match with what is said on the Princeton Review's own website, which says that "Are your instructors good teachers?" was the actual question asked. But regardless, who at The Princeton Review thought of using such a vague, horribly-subjective question like "Are your instructors good teachers?"

There are complexities to every

situation, and I'd say that 90 percent of my professors at Stony Brook University are very solid teachers. Some weren't great people and some were even worse communicators, but most were solid instructors.

The third issue I take is the fact that, fundamentally, college rankings are flawed, especially student surveys. In the article, it was mentioned that Soto believes that students are the best gauges, but no we aren't. Alumni are the best gauges. People with no invested interest are good gauges. Students are inherently stressed. Current students do nothing to further the point. I know there have been plenty of times where I've been upset with a professor most of the semester but realize over break that they taught me a great deal.

To further that point, college rankings, especially ones like this, don't ask everybody how they feel. I most definitely did not get a memo from Princeton Review asking me to fill out this survey, and I am going to assume the majority of students that attend Stony Brook didn't either. So, who is to say this random grouping of Stony Brook students is worthy of this attention? Actually, better yet, let us know the number of people who answered the survey.

A simple sample size calculator, run by [suveysystem.com](http://suveysystem.com), tells us that in order for a population of 25,000 — Stony Brook University — to be accurately polled with a 4 percent margin of error and a 95 percent confidence level, there would need to have been 378 participants in the Princeton Review survey. Simply put, we have no idea if they even got close to asking the right amount of people.

The last big problem with the article is it doesn't ask enough professors how they feel. There are 1,000 sides to every story, but only two that often matter. In this case, I would, as a reader, have liked to see how more professors respond to this ranking. Especially because, at least in my opinion, I see professors work their butts off to make sure the class works for everybody. Like always, never judge someone based on shoes you have never filled.

College rankings suck. They suck for the university, they suck for the students, and they just make you feel miserable. Don't put too much stock into what Princeton Review has to say. Heck, if it was the Stony Brook Review, no one would care, so don't care if it says "Princeton" on the front.



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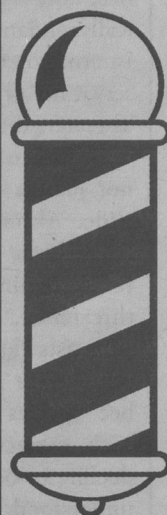
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## A Norwegian Allegiance: Serge Gamwanya, Lars Togstad lead Men's Soccer with spectacular play

By Gregory Zarb  
Staff Writer

After their Monday afternoon practice, sophomore midfielder Serge Gamwanya and graduate defender Lars Togstad walked off speaking Norwegian and laughing as if they've known each other for years.

In fact, they have.

Before Gamwanya came to the United States to play for Stony Brook, he played soccer in his native Norway. While playing for the club team Rosenborg BK and the international team two seasons ago, he met a teammate he would eventually become best friends with: Togstad.

"It's very different playing in Norway," Gamwanya said. "In Norway, the matches are more tactical and more about technique. ... When I got here, the matches were much more physical. The game intensity is so high, it challenges you to play faster and quicker."

Togstad had an extra year to play in Norway, but after coming to Stony Brook, he also noticed some differences in the style of play in terms of the competitiveness of the teams.

"It's much more possession in Norway," Togstad said. "You know what to expect from teams in Norway. Usually in Norway you could know what teams you could roll over against. But here, it doesn't matter what your ranking is because it seems like every team can beat everyone and you can't take any team for granted."

After coming from Norway, Gamwanya had great success with the Seawolves. He would go on to win the America East Rookie of the Year award and help the Seawolves secure a home playoff game. He was also a big part bringing over Togstad, key player to the defensive back position during the offseason.

"When [assistant coach Dannie Merida] came over to watch me play, Lars was also playing that game," Gamwanya recalled. "After that game, Coach would ask me

who Lars was. He kept Lars in the back of his mind, only because he was mainly there to watch me play. I told them how Lars was an amazing player and would be a huge benefit in the back for us."

Togstad had his reasons for waiting an extra year to come over and play.

"I had been playing at the same level for about five years at that point and I really wanted to change something," Togstad said about his decision making process. "I thought about coming over for a long time, I actually declined an offer because they wanted me to come over before I finished my bachelor's degree. When I was finished with my bachelor's degree, I decided to come over because I wanted to get a new inspiration."

Stony Brook Men's Soccer head coach Ryan Anatol gave his insight on the bond between the two players and the roles they played in securing both players for Stony Brook. His own recollection differed from Gamwanya's understanding of the recruitment process.

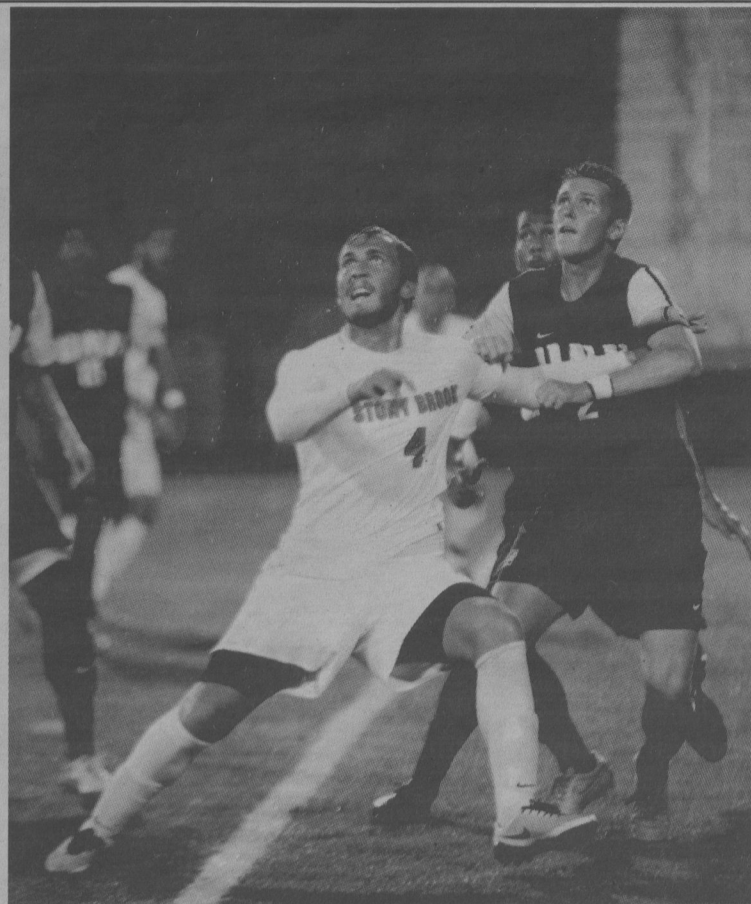
"We were focusing on Serge before Lars? Well that's a little misleading," Anatol chuckled.

"We brought Kofi [Ramirez Osei-Tutu] over first and they all played together during their youth," Anatol continued. "We knew of Lars and we tried to get him the same year we got Serge. Lars was already at university and he wanted to get his bachelor's degree first. But we are happy to have all of them."

With Togstad staying back in Norway for a year to finish up school and Gamwanya coming to Stony Brook, Togstad said he saw some changes in Gamwanya, but there was one major difference in Serge's game that he noticed.

"He's become more physical in the last year or two," Togstad noted. "He's not the thin guy he was, but he's still tiny. But he is a good player, he knows how to get off of pressure and he's impressed me."

Since winning Rookie of the Year, Gamwanya — listed as 5-foot-7 and 155 pounds — put



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Graduate defender Lars Togstad (No. 4, center) jostles for volleying position against New Hampshire on Oct. 8.



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Sophomore midfielder Serge Gamwanya (No. 10, left) dribbles the ball against New Hampshire on Oct. 8.

in extra work during the offseason to improve his physical strength. His coach has taken notice of that as well.

"A big strength of him as a player is his ability as player is to cover ground," Anatol said about Gamwanya. "When he came over here and he saw how physical the game was, we told him that was an area he could get better in. He's worked hard in the weight room and he's bought into not just getting stronger, but also more

of a playing physical mindset."

Gamwanya and Togstad have been two of the key players for the Seawolves' success this season. They hold a 7-3-2 record with a 2-1 record in conference play. With Togstad in the defense and recording five shutouts on the season and Gamwanya in the midfield leading the team with four assists and 31 shots, there's no telling how successful the team could be with the two best friends leading their team to victory.

## Upon Further Review: Alston's punt returns made difference

By Kunal Kohli  
Assistant Sports Editor

With his team down 3-0 in the fourth quarter, junior wide receiver Sherman Alston Jr. took matters into his own hands.

Rhode Island punter Oliver Graybar punted the ball away to Stony Brook's 36-yard line. Alston Jr. took the ball and ran it into Rams' territory until he was finally brought down at the Rams' 36-yard line. The Seawolves' next drive put them into the end-zone for the first time all game.

Alston Jr. proved to be the explosive catalyst that the team desperately needed. His play on the special teams made it possible for Stony Brook to beat Rhode Island.

The offense was stalling out in the first quarter. As a whole, the team only gained 45 yards of total offense and redshirt sophomore quarterback Joe Carbone threw for only seven of those yards. Running the ball was the only option for the offense. In order to succeed with a run-based offense, good field position was a must.

"We know that he's a dangerous returner, that he can make plays at any given time in the game," redshirt junior running back Stacey Bedell said of Alston Jr. "That was a big spark for the team. It just helped us get the flow going and the crowd going and everybody started getting up."

In the Colonial Athletic Association, Alston Jr. leads all kick returners in total yards returned and average yards per return even though he has only returned four kickoffs. He also is the only returner in the CAA to have returned a kick for a touchdown. Throughout the season, he has proved to be such a threat that teams, such as Sacred Heart, did not kick towards him and chose to kick short rather than risk him returning the ball.

All throughout the season, Alston Jr. has saved the Seawolves with his explosive returns. With a chance at returning to the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs on the line, those game-saving returns will become much more crucial.

## Warney waived by Mavericks, will test D-League waters

By Kunal Kohli  
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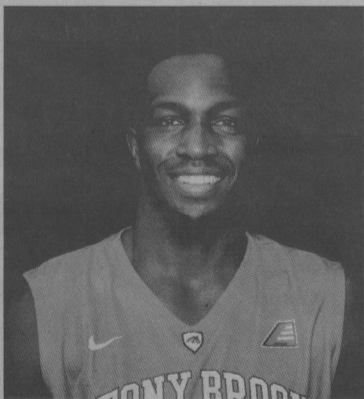
After spending the preseason and summer league with the Dallas Mavericks of the National Basketball Association, former Stony Brook forward Jameel Warney was waived, verified by Warney in a phone call.

He tweeted, "Next chapter. See y'all soon," at 4:16 p.m. on Sunday.

Warney first received the news after practice. Team officials took him to the film room where he was told that he was cut, according to Warney. The Mavericks are in the process of trimming their roster to 15 players to start the NBA season.

"Obviously it's a bad feeling," Warney said. "But, hey, it's a bigger picture than this now. Hopefully, one day I'll be laughing about this moment."

He played three games in the preseason and averaged 4.0 points and 2.7 rebounds in nine minutes of play per game for Dallas. He faced heavy com-



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Jameel Warney

petition on the roster as he competed for playing time against Mavericks' second-round pick A.J. Hammons, two-year veteran Dwight Powell and four-year veteran Quincy Acy.

An ankle injury sustained in the weeks preceding training camp did not help Warney's chances.

"You kind of have to be realistic about stuff," Warney said. "It was going to be a slim chance without my

ankle injury, but with the ankle injury, it kind of just crushed my dreams."

Now that he is a free agent, Warney is able to sign with any team in both the NBA and the NBA Developmental League. He also is free to sign with any international teams.

"I'm going through D-League," Warney said. The Texas Legends are looking at signing Warney. The team is the D-League affiliate of the Dallas Mavericks and if Warney were to sign with the Legends, he could potentially be called up to the Mavericks.

The three-time America East Player of the Year went undrafted in the 2016 NBA Draft and signed to the Mavericks the next day. He later played in the Las Vegas Summer League, averaging 6.5 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game in 16.4 minutes per game.

"I believe that things happen for a reason," he said. "I just got to get healthy and be ready for my next step in life."

## Men's Soccer unable to come back despite numerous chances to tie

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was unable to place any shots on goal heading into halftime.

"[We] pushed to try and get the equalizer and that was kind of our message at halftime," Anatol said. "We were frustrated going down one."

The Seawolves came out of the second half with a strong offensive push, forcing the River Hawks to crack down on their defensive efforts to extreme measures. Stony Brook was able to get three shots on goal in the second half but was unable to put any into the back of the net.

Corner kicks could have played a major factor in this game if the Seawolves were able to capitalize on its multiple opportunities to score. Stony Brook out-

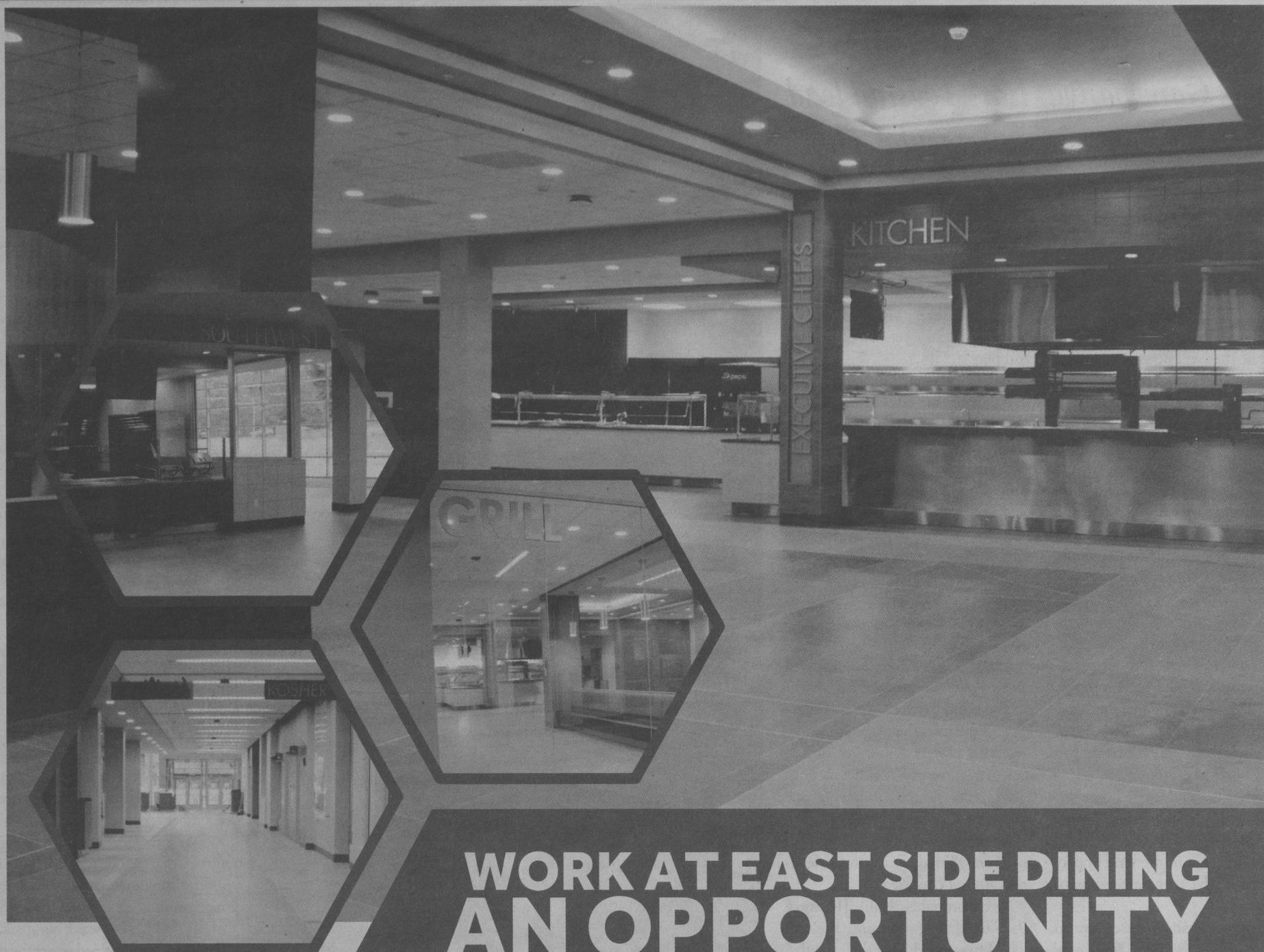
matched UMass Lowell in corner kicks, 15-0.

"We created some really good chances, the keeper made a couple really big saves," Anatol said. "And that was the difference in the game."

Fouls and injuries were a big part of the game as multiple players went down due to aggressive plays on the field. Stony Brook accounted for 18 fouls on the day and three players on the team went down with injuries.

Most notably, Thompson in the beginning of the game and junior forward Vince Erdei with time winding down on the clock towards the end of the game.

"I think everyone is ok, it's been a lot of games in a short span of time," Anatol said. "So you expect some of these knocks and strains."



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# SPORTS



Redshirt junior running back Stacey Bedell takes the ball against Rhode Island on Oct. 15 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

## Running game sparks anemic offense, Stony Brook claims Homecoming win

By Chris Peraino  
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With his team held scoreless for the first three quarters, junior wide receiver and special teams anchor Sherman Alston Jr. returned an early fourth quarter punt down to Rhode Island's 36-yard line, igniting an otherwise stagnant offense.

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After sophomore running back Jordan Gowins ran the ball inside of the red zone, redshirt junior running back Stacey Bedell would break Stony Brook's scoring drought with a goal line punch-in, establishing a late 7-3 lead.

"We know that [Alston] is a dangerous returner that can make a play at any given time," Bedell said. "That was the biggest spark for our team. It helped us get the flow going, the crowd going and everybody started getting up."

Surviving early offensive woes, Stony Brook Football improved to 3-0 in conference play with a 14-3 Homecoming day win over Rhode Island Saturday

at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"Last two years I've been here, we've lost on Homecoming and it gives you a bitter feeling," said junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette. "Everybody is depending on you to have a good time and a good night. [The crowd] wakes you up. You have more energy going into the game."

Rhode Island struck first with a first-quarter field goal that accounted for all first-half scoring.

Even after resorting to a predictable, one-dimensional running offense — redshirt sophomore Joe Carbone attempted a mere 16 passes — the Seawolves found success on the ground. Both Bedell and Gowins eclipsed 100 yards on the night: 138 yards and 108 yards, respectively.

But with the Seawolves stunted by a pair of blocked field goals, a red zone fumble and a caravan of untimely penalties, this success did not translate into points; despite notching more than double the amount of offensive yards than Rhode Island, Stony Brook went scoreless for the first three quarters.

"Way too many penalties and inefficient plays on the offen-



Sophomore running back Jordan Gowins (No. 23) rushes the ball during Stony Brook's victory.

sive side, but at halftime I told them we're going to find a way to win. I don't care if it's 4-3," head coach Chuck Priore said. "We're gonna keep the ball tight and give the ball to our two horses in the backfield."

Late in the second quarter, senior kicker Przemyslaw Popek had a chance to tie the game with a 39-yard field goal attempt. The kick was tipped, ultimately falling well short of the uprights.

Lightning does indeed strike twice, as a quarter later, Rhode Island blocked and recovered a 38-yard attempt from Popek.

Halting a drive that began near midfield in which the Sea-

wolves seemed to have found their rhythm, Bedell fumbled at the Rams' 14-yard line as the first half came to a close. Rhode Island would recover the ball.

Eight third quarter penalties plagued the Seawolves, setting them back a total of 62 yards and curbing any offensive momentum.

But in lock step with the rest of the season, Stony Brook's defense kept its team in the game, allowing the offense time to flip the switch by disallowing any points beyond Rhode Island's first-quarter field goal.

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## Men's Soccer allows early goal, falls to 18th-ranked UMass Lowell

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Despite an intense offensive push in the second half, the Stony Brook men's soccer team fell to the undefeated UMass Lowell River Hawks, 1-0, due to an early miscue at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

An early substitution for Stony Brook seemed to cause the Seawolves to fall to the No. 18 River

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Hawks. An injury to senior defender Tavares Thompson in the first half made way for sophomore midfielder Steven Ghitis to come into the game. With an opportunity to get in the game early, Ghitis was active on the ball.

A deep pass in Stony Brook territory led to a high bounce and a hand ball called on Ghitis, which led to a River Hawks free kick from the top of the box. Redshirt freshman forward Ivan Abramovic did not waste the opportunity, beaming the ball into the back of the net to put UMass Lowell up a goal in the 22nd minute of the game.

"They were a team that was content with getting a goal and really trying to defend," head coach Ryan Anatol said after the game. "They made it really difficult for us."

The 1-0 loss places the Seawolves in a tie for third place in the America East standings with a 2-2-0 record in conference play.

The Seawolves tried to get something going offensively before the end of the first half as sophomore midfielder Serge Gamwanya almost ripped one into the back of the net from 20 yards out, but the ball sailed right over the middle of the cross bar.

Despite controlling the ball in UMass Lowell territory for a majority of the first half, Stony Brook

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