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Die-in held in honor of 122 black Americans killed by police

By Mahreen Khan
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Some 70 students participated in a symbolic die-in outside of the Student Activities Center on Wednesday, Oct. 19 to raise awareness of police brutality in black communities and to honor the 122 black American deaths, as of July, from police violence in 2016.

The demonstration assembled in the SAC plaza at 1:21 p.m., many students holding signs honoring lost black American lives – lives taken by the bullets of guns owned and carried by American police officers. One minute later at 1:22 p.m., the students dropped to the ground for a total of 10 minutes. Many held hands in a show of unity. Others reflected with their eyes closed in the 84-degree heat.

The event, organized by junior health science majors Courtney Lall and Jamie Abudu-Solo, was inspired by Syracuse University's student die-in on Oct. 5. Syracuse's event highlighted a different statistic from The Guardian: the 201 black American victims of law enforcement violence. Still, the message was the same. Lall and Abudu-Solo found that 122 black Americans had been killed from The Washington Post's police shooting database. The current statistic, which is continually updated, from The Washington Post says 776 people total have been shot and killed by police this year in the United States.

"You know, we've heard several stories about people wrongfully being executed by police," Lall said. "I even know some friends and family personally who have been wrongfully accused. These stories touch our hearts even if it's people we don't know, and Jamie and I are always talking about it and we wanted to do more than talk about it."

The duo decided to take action after hearing about Syracuse's die-in, noting the effect it had on the campus community.

They chose to hold the event at 1:22 p.m. during Campus Life Time to drive the statistic forward, but also because of the high volume of students and staff that walk across campus at that time. Through a Facebook page, word of mouth and other forms of social media, Lall and Abudu-Solo organized the event.



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Students lie on the ground outside of the Student Activities Center on Oct. 19 as part of a symbolic die-in. The demonstration aimed to increase awareness of police brutality and black American deaths by law enforcement.

"We had 122 names printed in bold on people's chests with the reasons of why they were killed from various years," Abudu-Solo said. "But the point was to really get those 122 names on 122 people in the middle of campus where everyone could see at such a productive time, to say this is real. This is happening."

The signs Abudu-Solo used had the names of 122 individuals who died over the past few years, not just 2016. Demonstrators also gained the support of university faculty and administration.

"Student activism is the cornerstone of higher education institutions, so we're really thrilled that our students are letting their freedoms and their thoughts and their concerns be known," said Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Timothy Ecklund.

Ecklund first heard of the event through the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"I think our students are expressing their connections with national events, and I think that elevates our conversation around those national events," he said. "And it's important for us to see how things nationally affect our students on campus. I look forward to working with the students and hearing more about what they hope to accomplish with this event."

Ecklund stayed for the duration of the event, as did University Media Relations Officer Lauren Sheprow.

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Economics professor analyzes the impact of age in the presidential election

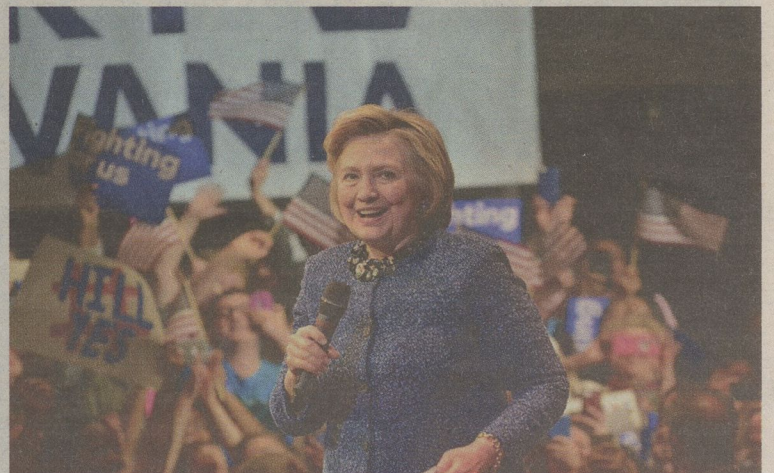
By Rawson Jahan
Contributing Writer

In 1981, Ronald Reagan took office, becoming the oldest non-incumbent candidate to become president of the United States at 69. In this upcoming election, a new president could take that honor, probing the question, how old is too old?

A project published by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis changes how age is defined; as not by the years someone has lived, but by the years someone has left to live.

"We categorize people as being old if their life expectancy is 15 years or less," Warren Sanderson, an economics professor at Stony Brook University and a member of the project, said.

Using the most recent life expectancy data, Sanderson found that Hillary Clinton, 68, has a life expectancy of 18.3 more years, and Donald Trump, 70 has a life expectancy of 14.6 more years. The findings bring into question whether or not age even matters in the election. Helmut Norpoth, a political science professor at Stony Brook University, and the creator of a political model that predicted Trump would win the presidency, said no. He



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Hillary Clinton at a rally in Philadelphia in April. A study found Clinton has a life expectancy of 18.3 more years.

cited Reagan's run for re-election in 1984 at 73 years old.

"He looked a little shaky in the first debate and he was showing his age, and he didn't do too well in the opinion of people," Norpoth said.

Two days after the debate, a poll conducted by Newsweek/Gallop, found that 54 percent of voters favored Reagan's opponent, Walter Mondale. Reagan went on to become president once more, beating Mondale.

"In the second debate he said something like, 'I will not for political reasons exploit my opponent's youth,' and he deflected it," Norpoth said. "I

think that after Reagan broke that barrier of people over 70, becoming president, I don't think age will be an issue."

In November 2015, a McClatchey-Marist poll found that 71 percent of registered voters said older age was a benefit, and 67 percent of the youngest voters said they would support someone older than 65.

"In Sparta, to be in the governing council, you had to be at least 60 years old," Steven Austad, a distinguished professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the

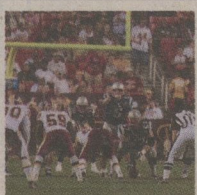
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Stony Brook community walks for beauty

Photos by
Luis Ruiz Dominguez

The Ward Melville Heritage Organization held the 23rd annual Walk for Beauty on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Stony Brook Village Center.

Proceeds from the walk will go to breast cancer research at Stony Brook Medicine and the WHMO Unique Boutique for prostheses and wigs.



Majority of voters favor candidates over 65, poll says

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scientific director at The American Federation for Aging Research, said. "Only recently was it decided that with age you get more foolish."

But not every voter shares Austad's opinion.

"I feel as if many people are discouraged by the fact that they are so old," senior biology major Faraj Lak said of the candidates. "A younger president would represent a leader who is more physically fit for his job and is also more likely to reflect the same goals as younger voters."

Trump's campaign team released a document on his website of his most recent health examination completed by his physician of more than 30 years. On the website, Trump's team wrote that he is in "excellent health" and can meet the demands of the campaign as well as the responsibilities of the presidency.

"People over the age of 40 want to be seen as older, so it's no accident that Donald Trump would release a medical report from his doctor saying that he has the physical health of a 35-year-old but he

clearly doesn't," Andrew Scharlach, a professor of aging at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Social Welfare, said.

Another factor to consider is how a woman running for president is perceived versus how a man running for president is perceived, Scharlach said. He added that older men in American society are perceived more positively than older women.

"There's iconic images of older women as the hag, or the nice but incompetent and frail grandma," he said.

Despite the talk of Clinton's age, Trump and Clinton are only two years apart. Experts believe that both are healthy and can live to the extent of both terms if elected.

"So in that slightly arbitrary criteria, Trump is old but Clinton is not," Sanderson said. "That's basically the story, their difference in age is trivial."

But over the course of the campaign, age has only been one factor causing controversies for the candidates.

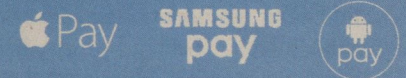
"I don't think age even matters," junior biology major Nadira Akter said. "One is crazy, and the other is suspicious."

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President Stanley comments on race relations at student demonstration

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Assistant Chief of Police Eric Olsen also attended.

In a Facebook message sent hours before the event, Abudu-Solo told participants, "We also wanted you all to know that we've been in contact with President Stanley and Dean [Jarvis] Watson and they've set up undercover security so that if anything were to happen or if anyone tries anything, we're all safe."

It could not be confirmed whether undercover police attended the event, but protesters were not met with any violence or opposition.

In response to the event, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. released the following statement: "What is happening around race relations across our country today is having a galvanizing effect on our students — as it should. I am proud that our students are engaged and involved in this important, timely conversation, and the university is working closely with them to make sure that their on-campus experience is supportive and safe."

A collection of passersby developed around the circle of fallen students, many taking pictures and shooting videos on their phones.

Curious whispers could be heard inquiring about what was going on, why so many students were lying on the ground. Some even chose to join the movement.

Still others looked on in awe.

"This is our generation," said ju-



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A student gestures during a demonstration honoring the 122 black Americans killed by police so far in 2016 as of July. Others held hands during the 10 minutes of silence.

nior psychology major Areeba Babar. "We're bigger than the baby boomers. We're going to make a difference if nobody else is. Our generation is too educated. We're too independent. We know what we want and we're going to reach out for it. So if all the older people who are supposed to be looking out for us, they don't want to help, they don't want to change laws, we're going to go out and petition. We're going to peacefully protest. We're going to do all these things that are important to make change in a safe way."

Shehran Uddin, a junior political science major and international relations minor, participated in the event with members of his group, Students for Justice in Palestine.

"The problem here that we're protesting is extrajudicial killings," Uddin said. "That's the same problem we're seeing in Palestine. A lot of these kids, they're being accused of something that they didn't do. And they didn't even make it to the courtroom. The police officer acted as the executioner, the jury, and the judge," he said.

Uddin said that when an institution is so reluctant to correct itself and condemn its actions, the whole entity becomes at fault — that is, the entire police organization carries the responsibility.

"It's a colonial order that's acting as a police force, acting as a military force," Uddin said. "Just looking all over us and not really looking out for our interests, just looking to either suppress our rights or make life harder."

Uddin's sign read the name of Os-

car Grant, one of the 122 black Americans killed. Grant was shot and killed by police in 2009. His life was detailed in the movie "Fruitvale Station."

"That's someone's baby. That's someone's whole world that someone else just took away just because that's their job," Uddin said in response to Grant's death. "Their job is to assess the situation and use violence as a last means of force. But that was the first means of force used and that's why people are so angry. They just took away someone else's child. And they didn't need to."

Jesse John, a fifth-year doctoral student studying geoscience, said the ultimate motivation behind the demonstration and similar movements is to show solidarity and raise awareness.

"Our goal is just to see if there was a campus pulse for this sort of activity," he said. "We all have signs about people that have gone through tremendous tragedy. And I think that these tragedies are overlooked by the sheer amount of them. So if someone walks by and sees a sign and it draws reference to what has happened in the past, I think that's great — just to keep the conversation going."

John said he hopes that one year there will be no signs and that he will not have to lie down. Until then, he and countless others will continue protesting, petitioning and speaking out for the rights and equality of Americans everywhere.

"Listen, as long as there is injustice in the world, we're going to keep fighting," Uddin said.

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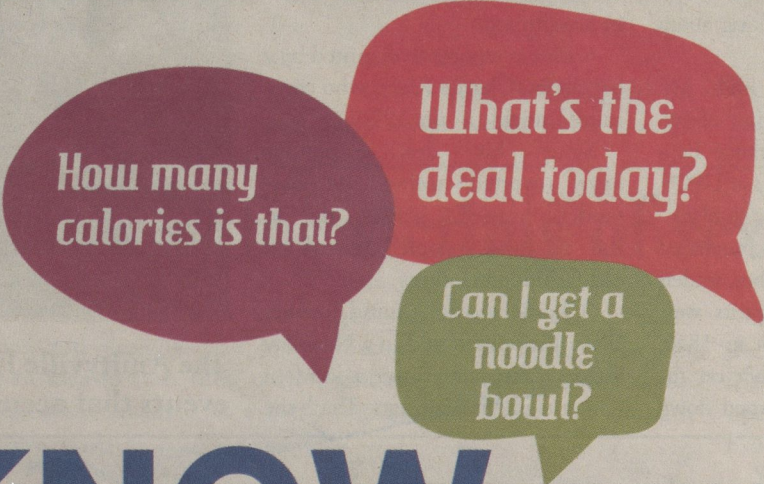
Oct. 25th

Lunch & Dinner at
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Chef Rachael Swain was born and raised a country girl in the west of Victoria, Australia, where everything was homemade and homegrown. At nineteen, she spent twelve months traveling around Australia. After that excursion, Chef Swain traveled abroad, backpacking her way around the world. While in London, she became a chef, learning from some great experts like Jamie Oliver and Gennaro Contaldo. Last year, she traveled to Arnhem Land in the remote Northern Territory of Australia to help cook for the Garma Festival, a five-day long indigenous festival with 3,000 attendees.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Haunted spots across Long Island to visit this Halloween

By Kayla McKiski
Contributing Writer

To get in the spirit of Halloween, here are some of the most haunted locations on Long Island that you and your friends can visit at your own risk or avoid at all costs.

"Hanging Tree" - Patchogue

In the south shore village of Patchogue, off Grove Avenue, the "Hanging Tree" stretches its branches and dark history over Swan River.

An alleged site of witch trial executions and suicides, visitors have reported various paranormal activities, ranging from sensory distortions and electronic malfunctions to the presence of a "lady in white."

"We've investigated the Hanging Tree probably 25 times since 2003 and caught a lot of EVPs [electronic voice phenomena]," Michael Cardinuto, lead investigator of Long Island Paranormal Investigators (LIPI), said. "Once, one of our investigators was holding an audio cassette recorder and it was knocked out of his hands five feet."

Temperature fluctuations, which are indicative of ghost manifestations, are also common in the area, according to Cardinuto.

Investigators have used infrared thermometers on trees and observed this phenomena. On one occasion, the temperature rapidly dropped 10 degrees and remained there for 30 seconds before gradually rising.

Mt. Misery Road - Huntington

"The most haunted place on Long Island is definitely Mt. Misery Road, though," Cardinuto said. "When we do lectures and presentations, we spend over two hours talking about that place."

Located in ritzy West Hills, Mt. Misery Road is the location of tremendous accounts of strange happenings including sightings of UFOs, ghosts and mysterious men in black.

When Long Island was purchased from Native American tribes, settlers were warned that evil spirits were present on the hill. Then in 1840, a mental hospital was built on the grounds. It was soon burned down

to its foundation when a patient supposedly set her room on fire.

LIPI claims that there is a demonic presence at Mt. Misery Road. They have even recorded voices saying, "Help me, I'm burning," and "Please let me out."

"One time I went there and two men got out of this car in black makeup, trench coats and boots and were coming toward our car signaling us to leave," Susan Leddy, a senior business management major, said. "I thought they were going to smash our car or sacrifice us."

The Lady of the Lake - Lake Ronkonkoma

Sacrifice is the predominant theme at another eerie local spot, Lake Ronkonkoma. The Lady of the Lake legend states that a Native American princess fell in love with a colonial settler, but was forbidden to do so.

As a result, she committed suicide and vowed to avenge her inability to marry him by drowning a young man once a year in the lake.

Over 160 men have died in the lake since 1893, according to Dave Spencer, a Lake Ronkonkoma historian.

"If you're a girl in the summer, go swimming in Lake Ronkonkoma. Have all the fun you'd like," David S. Igneri, the head lifeguard for 32 summers said in an interview for *Weird U.S. TV*. "But if you're a boy, lock yourself in your mother's car. Tie yourself to a tree. Don't, don't go in the water."

Katie's of Smithtown

Another spooky spot is the homey wood-paneled pub, Katie's of Smithtown, located on Main Street in Smithtown.

Katie's is reportedly haunted by a bartender, Charlie Klein, who committed suicide in the 1920s.

Since his death, patrons have reported seeing the bartender himself, glasses fly in the air and people dressed in old-fashioned clothing.

"Charlie, we don't mind," owner Brian Karppinen said in a *Newsday* article. "But sometimes a kind of darker element manifests. That's the

one we want to get to the bottom of what his problem is."

The bar has been the location of several television show tapings including Travel Channel's "Ghost Adventures," A&E's "Paranormal State" and Biography's "My Ghost Story."

The Amityville Horror House

Perhaps the most famous haunted Long Island location is the Amityville Horror House, as it is referred to in popular culture, located in Amityville, a village in Babylon.

In 1974, six members of the DeFeo family were shot dead in the Ocean Avenue home by Ronald DeFeo Jr., who claimed to have committed the murders because voices were plotting against him. Thirteen months after his conviction, the Lutz family moved in, calling the residence their home for a mere 28 days. The Lutz family reported evil forces taunting them with violent movements of inanimate objects, peculiar gelatinous substances and "Jodie," a red-eyed, pig-like creature.

"We also had hoards of flies that would appear within two rooms



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Lake Ronkonkoma is haunted by a Native American princess who vowed to drown men, according to legend.

and no matter how many times we would kill them they would reappear," Kathy Lutz said in an interview on *Good Morning America*.

"The keyholes would ooze a black substance which was of the same nature and appearance of that which was on the porcelain in the toilets."

The family had multiple groups of investigators explore their home,

including the American Institute of Parapsychology and The Warrens, a married couple who investigated over 10,000 paranormal cases during their career.

When asked about the safety of visiting these locations, Cardinuto said, "You never know. There is a possibility that something could follow you home."



PUBLIC DOMAIN

The Amityville Horror House was the site of six gruesome murders. The paranormal events that occurred thereafter inspired the 1979 movie "The Amityville Horror."

Quads plan to scare students with 'Freak Show' and 'Rothoween' events

By Vivien Li
Contributing Writer

Beware! In one night, two residential quads are hosting their own events dedicated to all things Halloween.

On Oct. 28, Roth Quad is hosting "Rothoween," a night full of Halloween-themed activities happening throughout the buildings in the quad.

Tabler Quad is hosting "Freak Show," a carnival-themed haunted house in the Tabler Black Box Theater.

Students are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes when attending the events in both quads. Clown costumes, however, are strictly prohibited at Roth Quad, according to the event flyer.

"Rothoween" will include a haunted house in Cardozo College,

trick-or-treating in Mount College, a costume contest in Whitman College and a scary movie night in Gershwin College. Hen-

drix College will have a Halloween social along with "Scary-oke," a Halloween-themed karaoke event.

All of the Roth Quad's activities will take place from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and students can join in the festivities at any time.

The movie played in Gershwin will be a thriller, Kelly Beall, residence hall director of Hendrix College, said.

The "Freak Show" in Tabler Quad will start at 7 p.m..

"We had 400 people coming to our haunted house last year," Matthew West, residence hall director of Tabler's Sanger College, said.

"That is a pretty good number, and we are expecting more students to come this year."

Students who do not want to be scared can still come to the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities for crafts and snacks, according to the event's Facebook page.

West is keeping the details of the spooky event a mystery but students are invited to come and see for themselves, if they dare.



TABLER QUAD CONNECTIONS

The Tabler Terrorfest: Freak Show will be in the Tabler Black Box Theater on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.. Roth Quad is also hosting a similar event on the same night, "Rothoween."

HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Creatures of the Night Fall Fashion Show October 25 @ 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

The Community Service Club is hosting *Creatures of the Night*, a fashion show in the Student Activities Center Ballroom A. Donations of \$5 are suggested but the event is free. All proceeds will go toward Feeding America: U.S. Hunger Relief Organization.

LGBTQA and CIAO's Halloween Party October 26 @ 8 p.m.

The LGBT Association, in collaboration with the Cultural Italian American Organization, is having a Halloween party at the GLS/HDV Center featuring a costume contest, food and dancing. The organizations encourage attendees to dress up.

Hoola-ween!

October 27 @ 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

The Stony Brook Hula-Hoop Enthusiasts Club presents Hoola-ween! on the second floor of the GLS/HDV Center. There will be performances by the hula-hoop club and the Stony Brook Circus Club, along with a potluck, games, dancing and a costume contest.

Alpha Nu Zeta's Spooky Story Night October 28 @ 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Alpha Nu Zeta, the Stony Brook University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, is holding a Spooky Story Night in Student Activities Center Room 304. Students can read their favorite horror story or poem, or come and listen to the spooky tales.

The off-campus benefits of using your Stony Brook ID

By Chereese Cross
Contributing Writer

Your student ID is more than just a card with your name, ID number and a picture you may no longer look like – it is a valuable tool that earns you discounts and makes off-campus purchases more convenient.

Stony Brook University's student ID is used primarily as a convenient form of identification, but it also functions as a debit card, known as Wolfie Wallet. Residential students commonly use Wolfie Wallet to do laundry, purchase food from campus dining halls and vending machines and shop in campus stores like Shop Red West.

But Wolfie Wallet goes beyond the Stony Brook campus. Almost 20 nearby restaurants accept the card as a form of payment, and some even give 10 percent discounts.

"We want to cater and get more business by offering something like that to a large population of people that are in the area," Jennifer Calia, general manager of Burger King in Stony Brook, said.

Students who pay with Wolfie Wallet, or simply say they are

a Stony Brook student, get a 10 percent discount off their Burger King order.

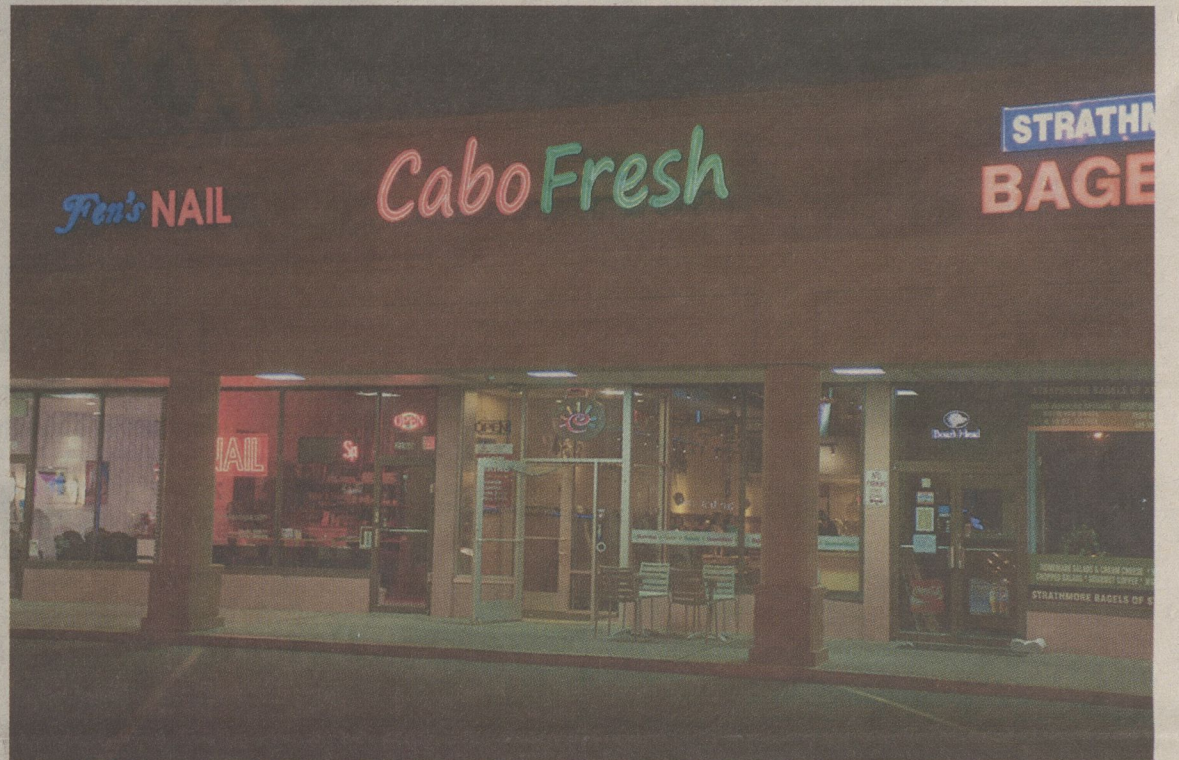
Greek-To-Go in Stony Brook, the L.I. Pour House barbecue restaurant in Port Jefferson Station and Subway in Smith Haven Mall also offer this discount with Wolfie Wallet or when you show your school ID.

Bagel Express in East Setauket and Cabo Fresh California Mexican Grill in Stony Brook give students 10 percent discounts only when they pay with Wolfie Wallet.

"We like to give back to you guys because we know you are students, and we know that you know, students don't always have that much money," Emily Prochnicki, manager of L.I. Pour House, said.

There are three nearby Applebee's Grill and Bar locations that accept Wolfie Wallet. The restaurants are 11 minutes to over a half hour away from campus.

Jim Divilio, owner and manager of Cabo Fresh California Mexican Grill, said that about 30 to 50 students use Wolfie Wallet daily at his eatery.



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Cabo Fresh is one off-campus eatery that offers Stony Brook students a discount with Wolfie Wallet. Students receive 10 percent off when making a purchase.

The Bench Bar and Grill began accepting Wolfie Wallet at the beginning of this year. The bar is a popular hotspot for students as it is located right across the street from the campus' Long

Island Rail Road station. However, students cannot purchase alcohol or tobacco products with Wolfie Wallet.

Other Stony Brook restaurants that accept Wolfie Wallet include:

Domino's Pizza, Fratelli's Italian Eatery, Jamba Juice, Long Island Bagel Cafe, McDonald's, O Sole Mio and Strathmore Bagels. The CVS Pharmacy on Route 25A in East Setauket also accepts it.

Monument Quilt raises awareness for victims of sexual assault

By Thomas James
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University Weekend Life Council and Center for Prevention and Outreach hosted their annual Monument Quilt event on Oct. 21, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The function was meant to raise awareness for sexual assault survivors in the Student Activities Center.

The Monument Quilt is a collection of 4' by 4' squares that have been collected by schools and organizations all over the country by an activist organization called "FORCE: Upsetting Rape Culture."

Each quilt, containing messages of strength and empowerment over a large layer of red fabric, will be included in the final display of fabrics which will spell out "Not Alone" over a mile of the National Mall in Washington D.C. at a date to be determined.

"There are monuments to wars and natural disasters," Christine Szaraz, a counselor for CPO and organizer of the event, said. "But

none to sexual violence survivors. It's important to offer acknowledgment, otherwise it minimizes the violence."

Two tables filled with craft supplies and designs gave students an idea to start their quilt if they were unsure. Creative

quilts such as an image of a hand reaching out for colors around it and one of small animals dancing around words of strength

were made. About an hour into the event, two women stepped forward to perform spoken word poetry to a background of quiet brushstrokes on fabric.

Students who were unable to participate in the event on Friday can see some of the quilts on display at the "Take a Stand, Walk with Me" march for Domestic Violence Awareness starting in the SAC plaza on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m..

After this walk, the quilts are sent to the Monument Quilt headquarters.

"You can be an activist and supporter of a cause while having an engaging and fun time," said Szaraz.

Szaraz hopes to keep the momentum going next fall with Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, possibly with a similar project to replace the Monument Quilt.

"We can do a campus-only quilt," Szaraz said. "Or we can do something new as well. Hopefully the creativity keeps flowing and people who are excited can pitch in their ideas."



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Monument Quilt is a national movement that collects stories from survivors of sexual assault and rape. Stony Brook University hosted their own quilting session on Oct. 21.

OPINIONS

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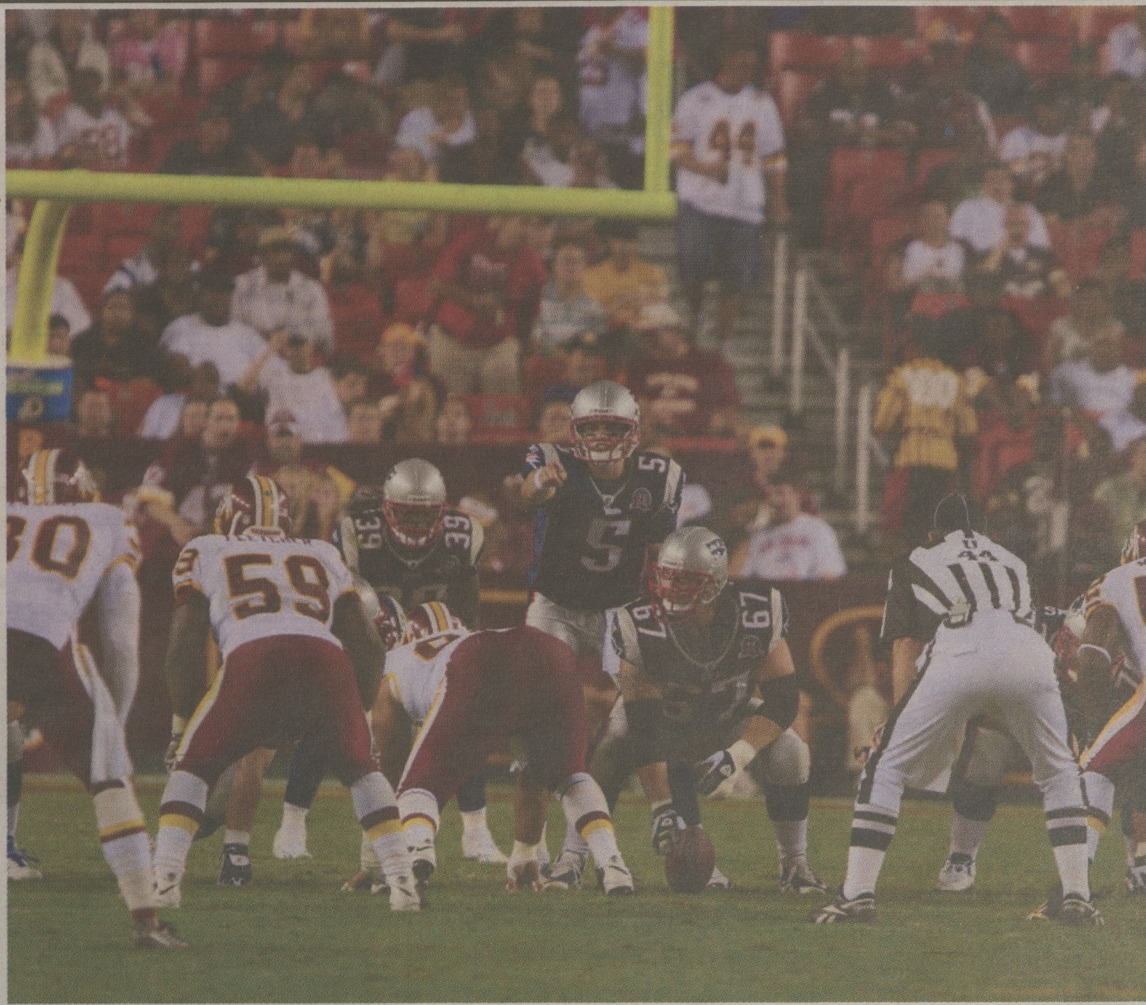
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The New England Patriots playing against the Washington Redskins on Aug. 28, 2009. More recently, television ratings for National Football League games have been dropping.

Throwing flags at the NFL: Flaws could cause the league's downfall

By Nick Zararis
Staff Writer

For the first time in recent memory, television ratings for the National Football League are down. There are differing lines of thought as to why this is the case for the most popular league in the United States.

The league's belief is that consumers are watching football through other mediums and that not everyone has cable subscriptions anymore, so a drop would be logical. I however am inclined to believe it is a perfect storm of unfavorable conditions for the league.

The NFL often boasts that the league is so great because of the parity within it. This is the "any given Sunday" mentality that persists, meaning that any team can win any week, and that the past games don't affect that game. But I think it's for another reason: There is only one team that is actually any good.

The schedule for this past week's games was filled with just outright horrendous match-ups. The Chicago Bears played the Jacksonville Jaguars in quite possibly the worst matchup we've seen to this point. Sunday Night Football, which is usually the best matchup of the week, featured the Indianapolis Colts and the Houston Texans. To say that game was painful to watch would be an understatement. Andrew Luck ran for his life trying to lead a team of scraps past Houston while Houston completely failed to move the needle on the excitement radar.

The reason why so many teams in the league just aren't good is also up for debate. I've heard the argument that since teams don't tackle during practice, players mentally aren't preparing for games properly anymore. Not tackling during practice does limit the potential for concussions, but it comes at the cost of players not being conditioned for hitting during the actual game.

Another factor is the way the NFL's collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association is structured. The way the collective bargaining agreement is structured, players coming out of college have a maximum salary they can be offered, based on where they were drafted. In a salary cap sport, having as much cheap talent as possible is the best way to construct a roster. A salary cap is a measure of how much money a team is paying to players; each player has a "cap hit" which takes away from that number. Traditionally, a team likes to keep around a million dollars to sign players in emergency situations like injuries.

In keeping the young talent low-priced, the league has gotten younger at large, which is definitely part of the problem. Younger players are just not as experienced as veterans are and are more prone to mistakes. Veterans are more expensive but their experience is noticeable.

Now, do I think the league is in long term trouble? Over \$9 billion in revenue last year says no. Do I think the league has a collection of small issues that if

left unchecked could fester into real damage? Absolutely.

The number of quality teams is down, and the concussion issue needs some sort of long term planning from the league. Long term medical care needs to be offered because the current plan is inadequate. The NFL rewards the number of active seasons players perform in both their pension and 401k plan, but injuries and aging seasons are often cut short, and inflation eats away at the value of those pension dollars each year.

The commissioner is a public relations nightmare, botching the Ray Rice, Greg Hardy and Adrian Peterson situations and being disliked by players. The game broadcasts are too long, the dreaded touchdown, review touchdown, commercial during review, extra point, commercial kick off, commercial sequence is foolish and needs to be stopped. Thursday Night Football is outright painful to watch every week. Teams have too little time to rest and prepare leading up to the game. Four days is a quick turn around. One could even argue there are too many teams and too little talent.

And maybe, just maybe, let the boys tackle during practice and simulate game conditions. The league is by far the most popular in the United States, and if they correct the small problems, it would stay that way for a long time.

And maybe if there were more teams that played well aside from the Patriots, it'd do the rest of the country, aside from New England, a big favor.

Protect our honey bees from insecticides

By Sharon Pochron
Contributing Writer

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The International Union for Conservation of Nature and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agree: Bees need our help. Both of these agencies have moved to protect them, listing them as endangered. But protect them from what? It's a complicated story.

Insecticides can directly kill bees, no surprise there, but let's assume some bees live. Herbicides then reduce the abundance of high-quality bee food. Bumblebees and honeybees love to eat protein-rich pollen, but herbicides remove pollen from the bees' environment when they kill plants. So the bees that don't die outright from pesticides live in a world without a lot of food.

But we're not done with the story. Bees that survive exposure to insecticides, especially nicotine-based powders and sprays, suffer from impaired cognitive abilities. This makes them bad at finding food, which has been made scarce from herbicide applications.

So bees that survived sublethal doses of insecticides are hungry and confused, but it gets worse.

Their immune systems get suppressed from exposure to insecticides. They become infected with parasites and viruses and bring these infections back home to their hives. At this point, they die, taking their hive mates



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For the first time, U.S. bees were placed on the endangered species list. Decline in bee population may be caused by insecticides and other forms of pesticides and herbicides.

with them. This is the story of colony collapse.

If you have a heart, you're probably thinking something along the lines of, "poor bees." And you'd be right.

But I have my sights on the more corporate-minded of you. You might think bees are cool enough, but they sting, and after all, they're just bugs. If you're that person, take a look at the farm workers in Hanyuan

county in China.

The Hanyuan county in China's Sichuan province has killed all their bees with pesticides and herbicides. Farmers must stand in trees and rub pollen onto every single blossom, doing the job of the missing bees. What do you think will happen to the price of pears? To almonds and pecans? To apples and cherries? You don't have to be an economics major to answer correctly.

We haven't reached that point in the U.S., but think of this. You know those bees that died because of pesticides and herbicides in places like New York, Hawaii and Georgia? They were living in our food, eating the pollen of our food and they died because they found the cocktail of chemicals swirling around our food too toxic to survive.

How does that peach taste now?

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November 8: Last day to deliver ballot in person to the local board of elections (by someone other than the voter).

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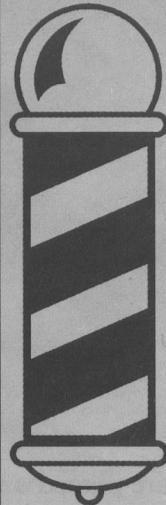


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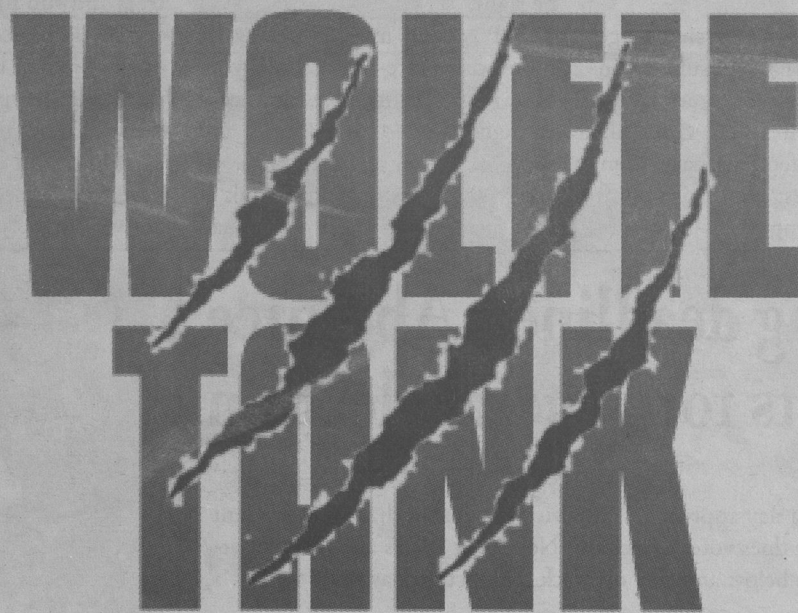
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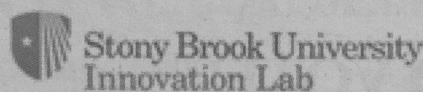
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Upon Further Review: Haggart sparks defensive line

By Kunal Kohli
Assistant Sports Editor

At the start of the second quarter in Saturday's game, junior line-backer John Haggart tore through the line of scrimmage and ripped the ball out of Delaware quarterback Joe Walker's hands. Senior defensive back Jaheem Woods recovered the ball and took it to the end zone. The play shows how far Haggart and the defensive line as a whole have improved in the absence of senior defensive lineman Aaron Thompson, who is injured.

Haggart's performance was nothing short of incredible. He had 11 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, three sacks and three forced fumbles, all career-highs. Before Saturday, Haggart had 5.5 tackles of loss on the entire season.

Haggart was the catalyst for the team's scoring. Two of his forced fumbles led to touchdowns in the 28-3 win. Not only did Woods return one for six points, but in the third quarter, Haggart forced a fumble in Delaware territory and on the ensuing offensive drive, redshirt sophomore quarterback Joe Carbone used the field position to scramble his way to the end zone.

During the game, the Sayville native ran amok as he proved just how potent Stony Brook's defensive line pass rush could be, especially in a season where the pass rush has mostly come from Woods and junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette.

Haggart is not the only member of the defensive line that has shown tremendous improvement. Junior defensive lineman Ousmane Camara showed that he has the potential to be a lethal weapon for the line.

In the past three games, Camara recovered a fumble, broke up a pass and recorded nine tackles. The effort that he puts forth is admirable, and the fact that he utilizes his length to defend the pass is underappreciated. He attacks the block so hard that it takes two offensive linemen to block Camara, which opens up holes for other defenders to pressure the quarterback.

The defensive front — Haggart and Camara, along with redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Josh Valentin and junior defensive lineman Humphrey Anuh — has exceeded expectations. But the group is still living in the shadow of last year's defensive line. The line featured Victor Ochi, who made his New York Jets debut Sunday, and was considered one of the most dominant front fours in the Football Championship Subdivision.

With Haggart having a phenomenal game and Camara on the cusp of excellence, Stony Brook's defensive line is looking a lot better than it was early in the season. While Thompson was slated to be the next big-time weapon on the line, Haggart and company seem to be just fine without him.

Rylie Laber, 4, drafted to Stony Brook women's soccer team

Rare congenital disease does not stop Laber from supporting team

By Tim Oakes
Staff Writer

Four-year-old Rylie Laber was coughing repeatedly, incited by a flare-up of asthmatic bronchitis. But despite the outburst, her grandmother and legal guardian, Mary Baling, could not convince Rylie to miss a Stony Brook Women's Soccer game.

"She was coughing her brains out," Baling recalled. "But she told me, 'I'm OK. I'm going to practice because my team needs me.'"

The bout was hardly a rare occurrence. Rylie suffers from a congenital disorder called Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome (SDS) that deteriorates one's immune system, causing bone marrow frailty and pancreatic insufficiency, as well as leading to skeletal abnormalities and growth issues.

But no matter the infliction, she can be found at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium when her team takes the field.

"I don't think that anyone who previously knew she had the disease would know that she had anything because she is so happy, so energetic," junior defender Sydney Vaughn said. "I've never seen her hold anything back in any way."

Rylie has attended all but one of the women's soccer team home games this season and is with the team during Saturday practices as well. She needed to be with her



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Teammates Sam Goodwin, Christen Cahill and Rylie Laber hang out in the locker room.

teammates on the sidelines to support them, just as they have supported her.

"At the end of games we'll be partner stretching and it's her favorite part of the day," senior midfielder Lindsay Hutchinson said. "She will come around and help stretch everybody out. It's things like that really make her feel part of the team."

After a 'Draft Day' ceremony last Friday, the four-year-old became the newest member of the Seawolves. In front of her new teammates and loved ones, she was the star of the day, as she signed a mock contract to become a member of the team. She received an official locker in the team locker room and an official Stony Brook game jersey that bears her name.

"This entire team, these women, [head coach] Brendan [Fa-

herty], all of them, are absolutely amazing," her grandmother said. "Every day now, Rylie wakes up with a smile on her face."

With the help of Team IMPACT, an organization that connects courageous children battling illness with local college athletic teams, Rylie was able to connect with the women's soccer team.

Team IMPACT took into account how she played on pee-wee soccer and lives just minutes away from Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium when pairing Rylie with Stony Brook's women's soccer team.

"She kind of has that personality like she owns the place, which is great," Faherty said. "She just brings a lot of positive energy to our group and is infectious to anyone she is around."

The pairing is designed to help her gain great strength, camaraderie and support, according to Team IMPACT's website. Despite all that she has endured and is still going through, Rylie is getting through it knowing she has her girls on her side.

"She fights everyday because she wants to be there for our team," Baling said. "At least three times a month she has doctor appointments or emergency room visits but she is getting through that knowing that, 'OK, this weekend I have soccer with my girls.'"

Whether she is collecting pinnies after practice or rushing to give players water as they come off

the field, Rylie will do anything for the team with a smile on her face — a smile that the team cannot get enough of.

"Everything she does is cute," Hutchinson said. "She has this laugh where even on your worst day can make you smile."

Hutchinson and Vaughn are part of a six-person leadership team comprised of players on the roster. Though it is truly a combined effort, they are responsible for making sure Rylie has a great time, not only at games, but also off the field planning fun activities with her.

"Here we are at a pee-wee soccer game and twenty adults are on the sideline cheering her on," her grandmother said. "It just made her day."

Rylie is a fighter and pushes harder every day to get through her health problems because she knows she has a game to go to. She has 32 role models in the Seawolves, and each of them give her the motivation and confidence she needs to keep pushing.

Rylie is not just a part of the 2016 women's soccer team, she is going to be on the sidelines cheering this program on for the foreseeable future.

"What I think is really unique with Team IMPACT is that we are going to have the opportunity to work with Rylie for years," Faherty said. "Freshman on the team now are going to be able to see her grow and develop through the next few years."



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Rylie Laber, center, provides her signature to join the Stony Brook Women's Soccer team on Friday, Oct. 21.

Women's Soccer will host Vermont Thursday in conference tourney

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side the net, aside from the overtime goal.

Though her shutout streak at home has ended, she had made multiple diving saves that could have blown open this game. In the 86th minute, Hartford's shot attempt hit off the crossbar and back to another Hartford player who ripped the ball toward the net that was met by a diving Gallagher.

Despite the loss, the team will enjoy home-field advantage in the first round of the America East Conference playoffs. With

the regular season over, the team will prepare to take on Vermont in the first round of the America East Conference Playoffs. The Seawolves shut them out 2-0 in the team's last visit to Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"I think we are super excited that we get to have a home game against a Vermont team that has some pretty dangerous players," Faherty said.

The game will be played on Thursday at 7 p.m. as Stony Brook will attempt to advance in the playoffs for the first time since 2013. That year, the Seawolves took home the America East crown.



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Sophomore goalkeeper Cara Gallagher kicks the ball deep in a loss against Hartford on Oct. 23 at LaValle Stadium.

SPORTS

Stony Brook falls to Hartford, ending win streak

By Tim Oakes
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Women's Soccer's six-game winning streak came to an end on Sunday when they fell to Hartford, 1-0. The home loss was the team's first since its first game of the season against Bryant University back in August.

The Seawolves kept the Hawks scoreless through the first 99 minutes of play, but would ultimately fall to Hartford 1-0 after surrendering the game winning goal in the 100th minute. The team finishes the regular season with a 6-2-0 conference record that makes it the three seed in the America East Championship.

"To be honest I thought we were giving up too many kicks in dangerous areas," head coach Brendan Faherty said. "A couple times we were able to keep them off the board and that last time we just couldn't do it."

Senior defender Caitlin Smallfield scored the game winning goal on a header that deflected off of the right post, rolled to the left post and

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Sophomore defender Kaitlin Loughren makes a move on the ball against Hartford on Oct. 23 at LaValle Stadium.

in the net for a score. The ball rolled slowly after it first hit the post, but Gallagher had already committed to the right side and was unable to recover in time for the save. The goal was the first goal at home the team has allowed since Sept. 16 against Delaware.

Neither defense was effective. Each allowed four shots and the Seawolves defense began to falter in the second half. The team allowed nine shots following halftime while accumulating just three.

"One of the things they did well defensively is they had the ball more than us," Faherty said. "That makes it harder for us because we could not control the ball for as long as we would like."

Faherty stressed that his team let up too many good kicks in dangerous spots on the field, and he was not impressed with the defensive effort despite holding the team scoreless. But Gallagher played very well in

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Junior linebacker John Haggert dives to make a tackle against Rhode Island on Oct. 15 at LaValle Stadium.

Stony Brook forces five fumbles in convincing victory over Delaware

By Chris Peraino
Assistant Sports Editor

Failing to score against a top-15 ranked Stony Brook defense in the first quarter, Delaware was not willing to spoil a rare promising drive. Positioned at the Seawolves' 33-yard line, the Fightin' Blue Hens opted to attempt a 4th-and-6 conversion.

But the gamble proved costly. Junior linebacker John Haggart stripped Delaware redshirt sophomore quarterback Joe Walker of the ball, which was promptly recovered by senior defensive back Jaheem Woods and returned for a 55-yard go-ahead touchdown that established a 6-0 Stony Brook lead.

Bolstered by seven forced fumbles, the most by any Football Championship Subdivision team this season, the No. 22 Stony Brook football team defeated Delaware 21-3 at Delaware Stadium on Saturday afternoon for its third consecutive victory.

Stony Brook remains undefeated in conference play at 4-0, now tied atop the Colonial Athletic Association with the No. 5 James Madison Dukes. And with four regular season games left to play, the Seawolves, 5-2 overall, are poised to eclipse five wins, the team's win total for the past three seasons.

Defense led the way with usual pomp, limiting a Delaware team that averaged 270.8 rushing yards entering the game to 104 rushing yards, good for a mere 2.2 yards per attempt. Walker, the Blue Hen's dual-threat quarterback, was

held to a season-low 17 rush yards on 13 attempts to couple his 134 passing yards.

Junior defensive back Tyrice Beverette, fresh off a CAA Defensive Player of the Week award, spearheaded the commanding performance with a team-leading 13 tackles, tying his season high.

But it was Haggart's night of glory. The Sayville native forced three fumbles, recorded three sacks and accumulated 11 total tackles, 5.5 of which were for a loss.

Ahead 7-3 in the third quarter, the Seawolves would attempt a fourth-down conversion of their own, with markedly better results.

On 4th-and-13 from the Delaware 20-yard line, redshirt sophomore quarterback Joe Carbone skirted from a collapsing pocket and scrambled for a 20-yard touchdown run, his second rushing touchdown of the season. Carbone ended the night with six completions on 13 attempts, one interception and no passing touchdowns.

Finding the endzone in his fifth straight game, redshirt junior running back Stacey Bedell accounted for all fourth quarter scoring.

Met by a clogged line on a run to the left, Bedell switched fields, taking a 20-yard touchdown run down the sideline to extend his team's lead to 21-3 early in the fourth quarter.

Five minutes later, he solidified his team's lead with another touchdown, his 10th of the season, via a 33-yard run.

Bedell averaged an economical 8.6 yards per carry, needing just 14 carries to churn out 120 yards, including one 50-yard pickup.

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Erdei's game-winner clinches playoff spot

By Gregory Zarb
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Men's Soccer team came away with a 2-1 road overtime victory over the Albany Great Danes on Saturday night, clinching an America East playoff berth for the second consecutive season.

After receiving a pass from freshman midfielder Macdara Heanue, Great Danes goalkeeper Danny Vitello fouled junior forward Vince Erdei with a sliding tackle in the 92nd minute. Erdei took the ball, placed it on the penalty marker and calmly shot it past the keeper for the overtime victory.

While both teams were able to score in the first half, but Albany was the team that struck first. After a broken down play in the 30th minute of play, Great Danes sophomore forward Nico Solabar-

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rieta played a ball to sophomore defender Daniel Krutzen who ripped a shot past redshirt junior goalkeeper Tom McMahon to give Albany a 1-0 lead.

The Seawolves answered back just before halftime. In the 43rd minute, Vitello made a punching clearance of a Seawolves' cross. His punch-out, however, went right to Heanue, who was able to finish the ball on one touch while Vitiello was out of position, tying the match at 1-1.

His goal ended a 226-minute scoreless drought for the Seawolves after being shutout in their last two matchups.

Stony Brook came out aggressive in the second half, as the team took more shots than Albany and had a 4-2 shot advantage. Heanue created two goal scoring opportunities in the second half, as well. His shot in the box was corralled in by Albany's keeper, and, in the 68th minute, he sent a cross to junior forward Akeem

Morris, whose shot went wide.

With both teams still tied, the game went into overtime, where Erdei won the game for them with his penalty kick.

Stony Brook has a very successful record against Albany in the past few years. In their last 10 meetings, Stony Brook has an 8-0-2 record against Albany.

After earning three points against the Great Danes, the Seawolves move into third place in the America East conference rankings. UMass Lowell is in second, but they are playoff eligible for the season. If the Seawolves are able to win out their final two games, they would be able to clinch the second seed and a quarterfinal bye in the playoffs.

Next up, Stony Brook will travel to Binghamton for their final road game of the season on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.. On Wednesday, Nov. 2., Stony Brook will host UMBC in its final game of the regular season.

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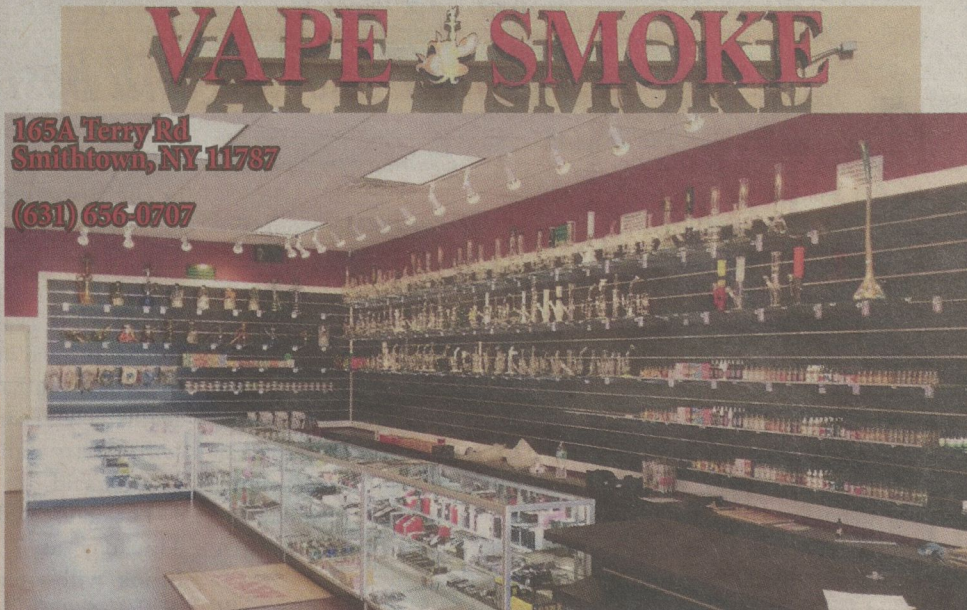


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