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Senior Lucas Woodhouse (No. 34) drives to the basket against Northeastern on Dec. 3. The win marked the Seawolves' first home victory this season. Read more on page 12.

HIV testing offered during World AIDS Day

By Gregory Zarb
Staff Writer

Dec. 1 — It's the first day of the final month of the year. Finals are creeping closer for college students, and people all around the world are preparing for the holiday season. But that's not all that is happening in December.

Dec. 1 is also World AIDS Day, a day to come together in the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world, and Stony Brook helped students become a part of it with on-campus events.

The events started around noon and lasted throughout the day. The university offered free confidential HIV testing at the Student Activities Center.

"We have a goal to screen 100 students with tests," program coordinator Kathleen Valerio said. "Midway through our day we have already had 50 screens, and we haven't had the influx of students we expect for the night events. You can

say that exceeding our goal is closer than you think."

Students could also get free flu shots, visit the Health Fair and watch AIDS-related films including "Blood Brother," "United in Anger" and the musical "Rent." "United in Anger" producer Jim Hubbard held a talk to discuss the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, which is an advocacy group that fights for research and legislation to help people with AIDS.

Long Island Association for AIDS Care, the Student Health Advisory Committee and the university's LGBTQ* services collaborated with Valerio.

"Us at SHAC have done a bunch of smaller events for HIV testing and other diseases," SHAC treasurer Matya Badruddin said. "We have done events for depression, mental illness and STD/HIV awareness, but, never something on this big of a scale. A whole day event is not only new to me but new to all of us."

For LIAAC, this partnership with Stony Brook is not new. The relationship between the two organizations has been building for years.

"LIAAC has been working with Kathleen for eight years now," LIAAC social media editor Melissa Colleary said.

Outside of the three main sponsors, other committees came out to help increase HIV/AIDS awareness among college students. Planned Parenthood held an outreach session to 40 students and administered 20 HIV/AIDS tests.

"I think it's easier to have students more than adults talk about HIV with them," Badruddin said. "As difficult and uncomfortable it is talking about HIV, many students find it easier to talk about it with people their age. People do that with many subjects of conversation, but from my personal experience, I've seen students open up about this issue to people their age."

Stanley discusses diversity plans at town hall

By Skyler Gilbert
Sports Editor

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. vowed to make Stony Brook University a center for diversity and inclusion on Wednesday afternoon, when he and eight other panelists presented the university's Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Initiative.

"I don't need to tell you that these are troubling times right now," Stanley said to a crowd of about 500 at a town hall meeting in the Charles B. Wang Center. "Many people have concerns. I think it's more important than ever that Stony Brook University be a place where we value all members of our community."

Throughout the hour-long session, the panel stressed that not all discrimination is conscious and that efforts are underway to make the university faculty and community aware of implicit bias.

Robbye Kinkade, an African American professor of health science, serves as the director for the Responding to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, or REDI Project. The initiative educates staff on implicit bias

and provides the opportunity to take part in periodic diversity seminars.

"We are trying to broaden our definition of diversity," Kinkade said. "It's not just about race and ethnicity. It includes gender identity, sexual orientation, military status and so on."

Stony Brook is looking to broaden its diversity, particularly among African American students, Stanley said. The percentage of black students at the university has decreased from 8.8 percent of the student body in 2005 to 6.5 percent in 2015.

The school will increase its efforts to encourage black students to attend Stony Brook, with outreach programs at regional high schools, especially in the Bronx and Brooklyn, Stanley said.

The initiative also seeks an increase in underrepresented faculty, to establish a culture in which "Stony Brook is the place to be," for prospective employees, said Stella Tsirka, Ph.D., the co-chair of the initiative's Faculty Working Group.

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COURTESY OF SBU MEDIA RELATIONS

Samuel L. Stanley Jr. talks at a student media briefing in November. There, he discussed his plans for diversity.

Middle Island man rescues LI's stray animals, helps struggling families

By Autumn McLeod
Contributing Writer

From a former automobile shop owner, to a current Long Island Rail Road mechanic, Gary Kaufman has worn many hats during his lifetime. One of those hats includes rescuing animals on Long Island.

Kaufman's non-profit charity Nobody Starves on Long Island was founded in 2012 and became 501c3 certified two months ago. He just moved into a home in Middle Island that has been converted into an animal shelter.

The charity provides assistance and emergency relief for families with pets, such as pet food, and also helps financially with veterinary bills. It provides feral cat feeders with food and trap, neuter and release assistance. It aids other animal rescues and welfare organizations and fosters animals until they are adopted.

Kaufman said that he has been taking in animals since he was in seventh grade and had several pets such as cats, dogs and rabbits.

"I always brought home dogs my whole life and took my mother's food out of the refrigerator and fed the

cats and dogs with it," Kaufman said. "That was just kind of my thing."

Before Kaufman started rescuing animals, he worked for a Mitsubishi dealership starting in 1980. In the mid '90s, Kaufman quit and opened his own automobile shop called Mitsubishi Graveyard. He eventually sold his business and became a Long Island Rail Road worker. Since Kaufman worked at night, he was able to volunteer at the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter.

After Hurricane Sandy hit, the shelter asked if he could start handing out food to people who lost their

homes and could no longer afford to feed their pets.

"A woman called me up on the phone and she was crying that all she could give her dog was pasta and whatever scraps they had left because they had no food left in the house," Kaufman said. "She was giving him dog treats for over a week because there was no place to reach out to for dog food or animal food."

Long Island Cares also provides food assistance to families and pets. Their pet pantry program was started after media coverage of families

putting their animals up for adoption since they couldn't afford to care of them.

Kaufman says the rest of the food pantries are created independently by people from inside their garages and that there are not enough official pet pantries on Long Island.

The director of the pet rescue group, Friends of Freddie, Barbara Sanelli says the reason why there are so many stray animals on Long Island is because of the economy.

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Individual steals car doors from Tabler.

Read about criminal activity in this week's Police Blotter.

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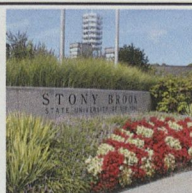


Arts & Entertainment

SBU Alum Spotlight: Momina Mustehsan

Mustehsan discusses her overnight musical success.

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SBU needs to be a safe and inclusive space.

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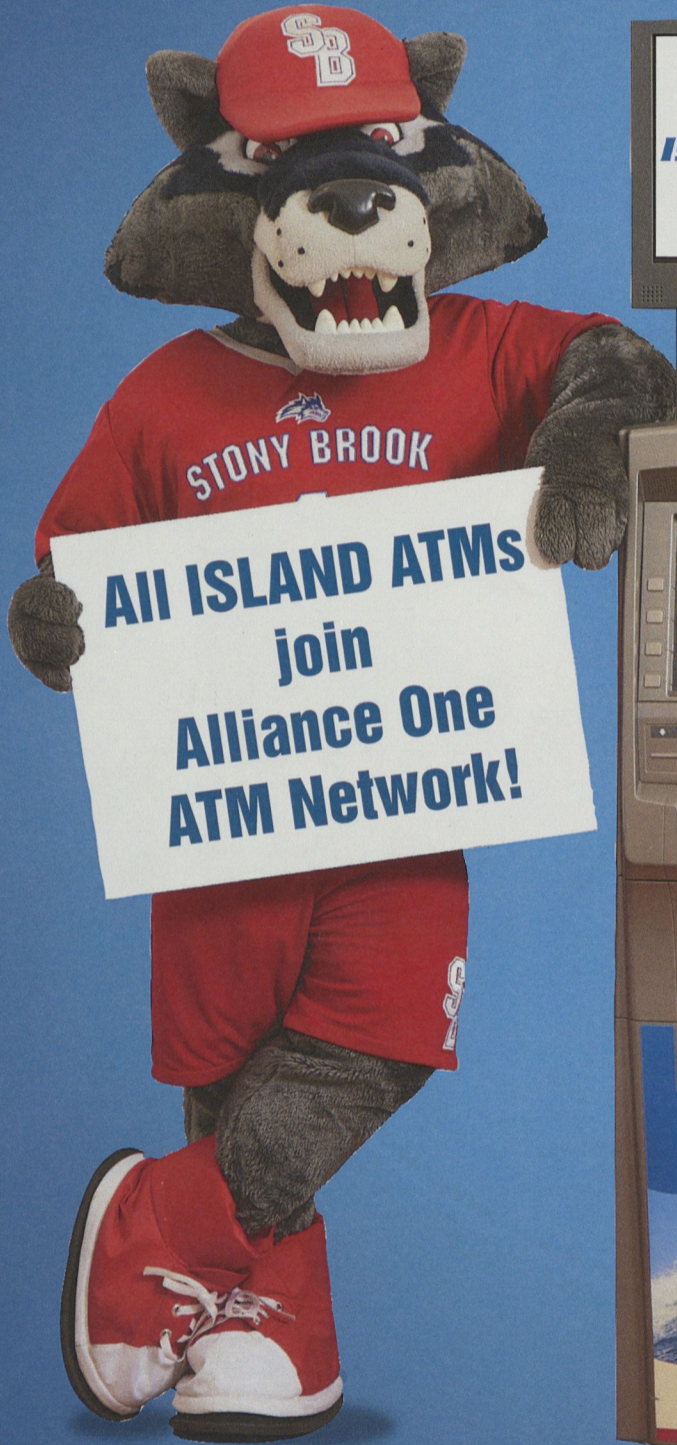
Men's Basketball wins at home.

The Seawolves defeated Northeastern.

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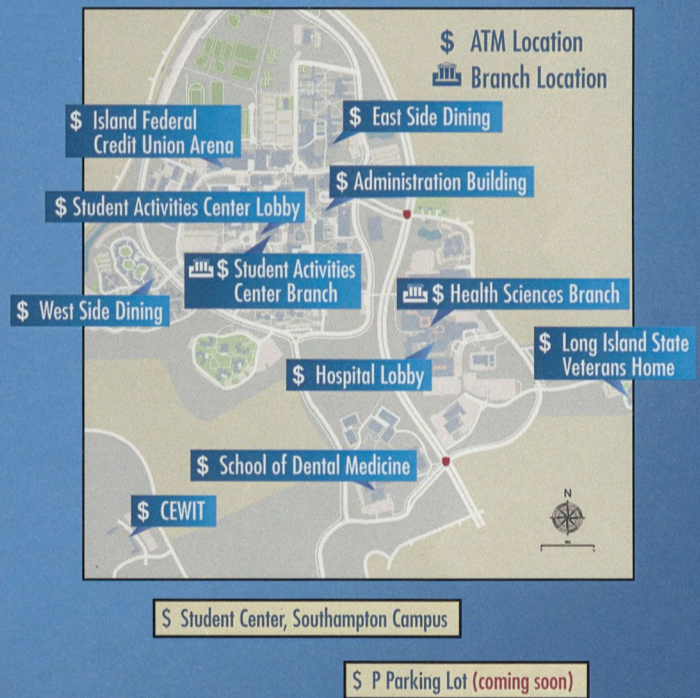
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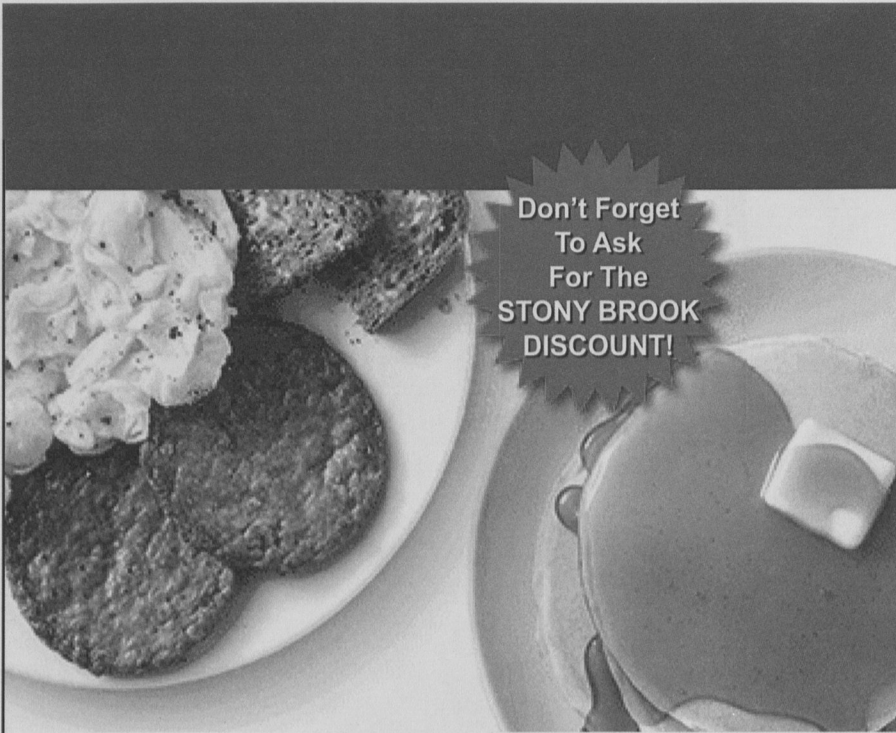
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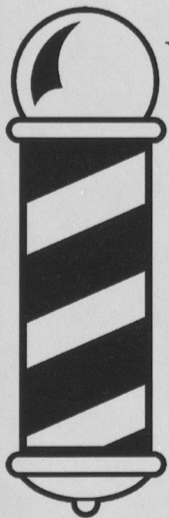
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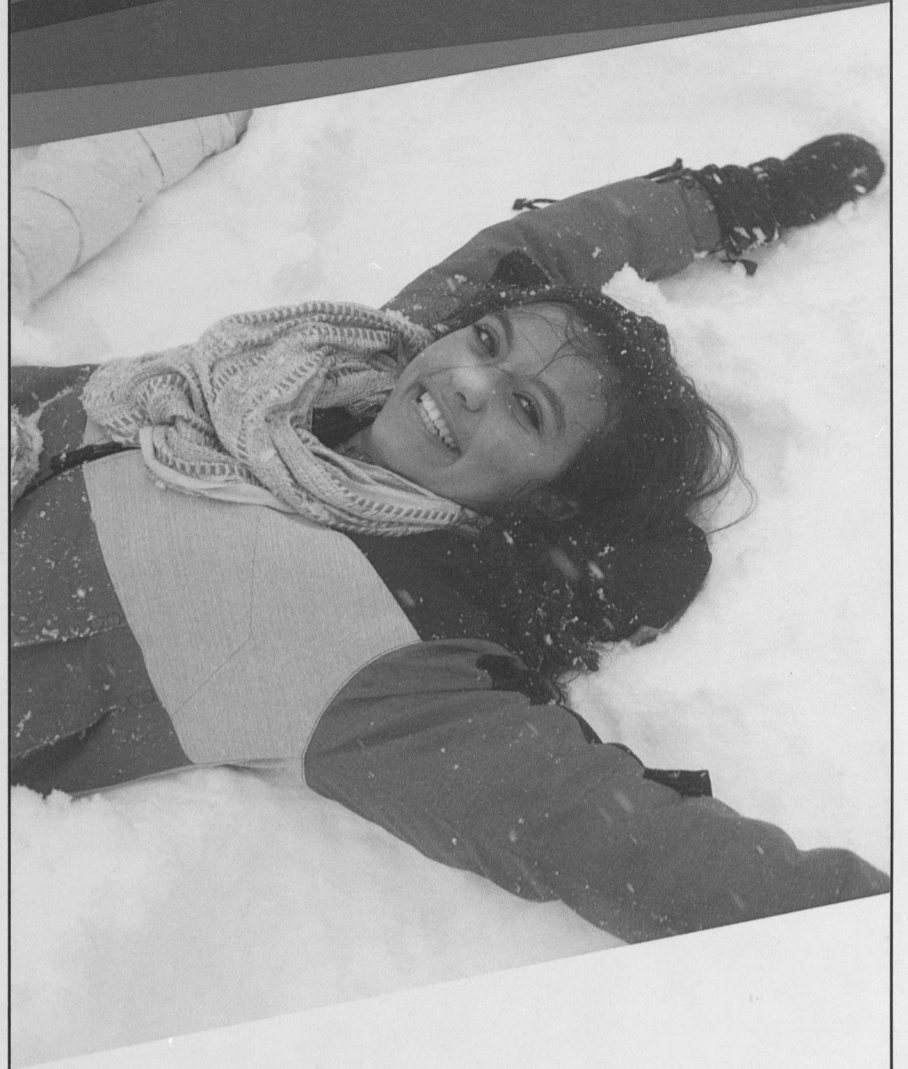


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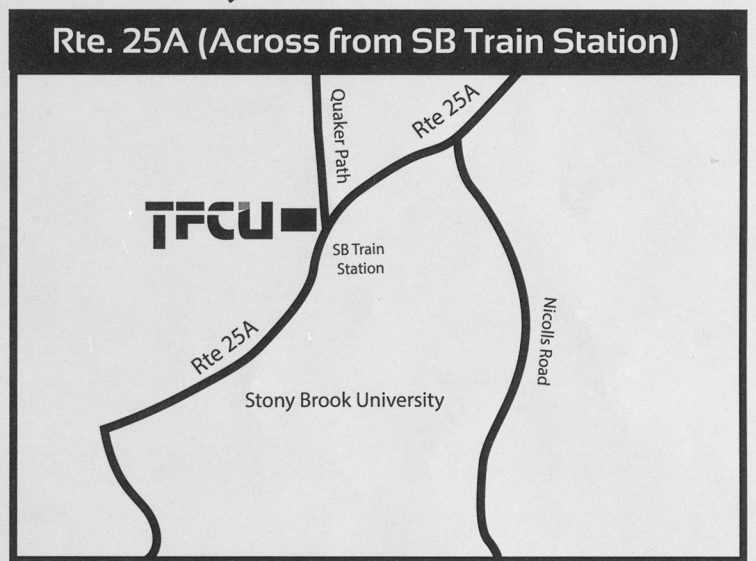
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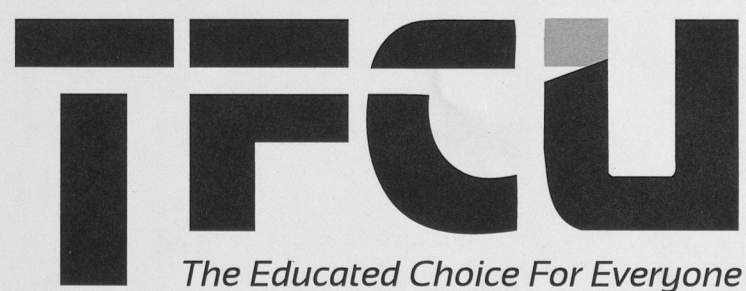
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Police Blotter

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 12:43 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly painted graffiti in a bathroom in the Health Sciences Center. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7:02 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly took the bolts off a bike wheel in Wagner College. The case is now closed.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 10:09 p.m., police issued a student referral to an individual in Douglass College for allegedly sending harassing messages through text message, social media, and a vulgar note left on the victim's car.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, at 3:17 a.m., police arrested an individual for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol following a car accident on Nicolls Road northbound at Route 25A.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:24 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly broke the gate arm at the north entrance of the Health Sciences Center

parking garage. The case remains open.

On Friday, Nov. 18, at 12:15 a.m., police arrested one individual for alleged marijuana possession in Kelly Paved Lot.

On Friday, Nov. 18, at 9:18 p.m., police issued a student referral for marijuana possession to an individual in Dewey College.

On Friday, Nov. 18, at 10 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole a wallet from the Health Sciences Center. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly damaged a parking lot gate arm at Stony Brook University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10:33 p.m., police issued student referrals to the occupants of a car in the South P Lot for alleged marijuana possession.

On Monday, Nov. 21, at 11:08 p.m., police issued a student referral to an individual in James College for marijuana possession.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly scratched a car in the Irving College parking lot. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m., an unknown individual allegedly stole two doors from a Jeep in the Tabler parking lot in front of Hand College. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Nov. 24, at 1:16 p.m., a Stony Brook University Hospital patient allegedly injured two hospital employees. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m., police arrested an individual for allegedly damaging a phone, stealing a wallet and cash and menacing the victim in Chapin I.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, at 5:18 p.m., officers assisted Stony Brook University Hospital staff members with a patient who allegedly damaged hospital property in the comprehensive psychiatric emergency area of the hospital.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

University allocates up to \$1 million for diversity plan

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"We need to establish Stony Brook as a welcoming hub for underrepresented professionals," Tsirka said. "A good way to do that is to establish workshops nationally... annually or biannually."

The university has allocated between \$750,000 and \$1 million in funding for the diversity initiative, Stanley said. The president added that Stony Brook has created the new administrative position of chief diversity officer. A search to fill the position is underway.

At the undergraduate level, five subcommittees have been created, Dean of Students Timothy Ecklund said. The committees are Recruitment and Admissions, Student Engagement, Involvement and Retention, Curriculum, Training and Campus Climate.

The programs Ecklund spoke about include a one-hour orientation course on diversity and gender for incoming students and the implementation of programs for international, non-English speaking students to aid with the acclimation process.

The forum featured student speakers senior Dwayne Moore and junior Sydney Gaglio, who spoke on behalf of the undergraduate student body.

"The thing that really hits me deep in my heart was that it's not just about diversity, but about inclusiveness," Moore, the president of the Black Student Union on campus, said.

"It's making sure that if you're a woman who's black and identifies as LGBTQ, and your major is dominated by white men, that you don't feel different," he continued. "You have to feel like you have the support of your staff, your classmates and your university to push you forward in your endeavors."

During a Q&A session, an audience member asked Stanley specifically about President-elect Donald Trump and the discriminatory rhetoric that has come from some of his supporters.

"What we're doing now has never been more important," Stanley replied. "In a world that seems to be retreating in ideals more than ever, it is important that Stony Brook University stands — stands for what is right."



Dean Timothy Ecklund, above, said five subcommittees will be created to tackle the school's diversity initiative.

Kaufman has plans to open larger shelter and warehouse for pet supplies

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"People are losing their jobs and people's incomes are reduced," Sanelli said. "If they can't afford to feed their kids, how are they supposed to feed their dogs? There's no place for the family pets to go. The shelter municipalities are overflowing so they can't take them."

The Chief of Suffolk County SPCA Roy Gross says that each town has their own codes when it comes to keeping pets in homes. According to the Town of Brookhaven's Dog Control and Animal Welfare code, no more than 10 dogs can be kept in residential homes unless they are given permission by the Board of Appeals. There were no specifics pertaining to animal shelters and Gross says that charities usually have storefronts.

The SPCA's mission is to investigate animal cruelty and neglect cases and has been doing so since 1984. It still has the authority to bring charges against people that violate animal codes.

Gross says that it is not a matter of how many animals an animal shelter has, but it is about the quality of the environment that they are in.



A shelter dog peeks out from inside a cage in Van Nuys, Los Angeles in 2010. Kaufman works with other animal rescue groups to find homes for stray animals on Long Island.

"If they are kept in a cage, they have to stand up and turn around comfortably," Gross said. "They have to have proper food and water. They have to have the proper temperature depending on what the animal is whether it's a dog or cat or an iguana. Each one has to have its own proper containment and proper sustenance."

The SPCA receives about 3,000 cases a year regarding the neglect of animals but gets 30,000 calls. However, there is not enough information to investigate all of these cases which causes many to be left unanswered.

Gross said that an animal rescue group must have a permit if they are collecting money as a non-profit.

Kaufman works with multiple animal rescue groups and shelters on Long Island including Friends of Freddie, Paws Unite People and Pits Of Our Soul Rescue.

President of Paws Unite People Meredith Festa helped Kaufman get his 501c3 certification. Her organization became certified in 2013

and usually takes in abused, neglected and tortured animals from SPCA cases.

Festa's and Kaufman's shelters work hand-in-hand.

"Because I have the abuse cases, a lot of the animals that we take in are on special diets," Festa said. "Whenever people give us stuff or we get things that we can't use, I always give it to Gary because Gary can use things that we can't."

Kaufman said he can hold about 20 small dogs in the small kennels and four big dogs in the larger ones. He currently has two cats in the new location and is expecting a dog to be transferred into his care from the Hempstead animal shelter.

President of Pits Of Our Soul Rescue Voula Parisi started working with Kaufman's charity after seeing him share posts of animals in need on Facebook.

Parisi's organization also became certified in 2013 and focuses on pitbulls because they are the most neglected breed of dogs, according to PETA.

Kaufman said he wants to eventually open a warehouse full of pet foods and open a bigger shelter with a full crew.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SBU alum Momina Mustehsan sings her way to the top

By Thomas James
Contributing Writer

Momina Mustehsan is a Stony Brook alumna whose musical talent has been recognized from the United States to Pakistan.

She began singing covers of her favorite songs and posting them on music platforms preceding the dawn of Soundcloud. Unlike most Soundcloud artists, however, her success happened almost overnight.

She was discovered in 2011 by the famous Pakistani band Junoon, who set up a collaboration with her.

Mustehsan was born in Pakistan near the Afghanistan border but was raised on Long Island. From an early age, she was immersed in her Pakistani culture, especially through the music. She enrolled at Stony Brook University as a mechanical engineering and applied math and statistics double major and would sing during her free time in her dorm room.

Her road to prominence began in the humble space that all resident students have grown accustomed to.

"I bought a recording device and made sure my suitemates were quiet, and then I would just record," Mustehsan said.

Rising through the ranks by collaborating with other well-known Pakistani bands and



COURTESY OF OSAMA KHALIL

Momina Mustehsan (right) with her friend Osama Khalil (left). She found success as a singer after performing on a Pakistani TV series that showcases musical talent.

singers such as Farhan Saeed, Mustehsan established herself in the Pakistani music industry. But she got her claim to fame by performing a rendition of "Afreen Afreen" (which translates to "Praise to her Creator!") by the renowned Qawwali singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Qawwali is a type of Islamic devotional

music performed by the Sufi sect of Islam.

In August 2016, she performed "Afreen Afreen" on the Pakistani television series "Coke Studio," which showcases live performances by artists of diverse musical styles ranging from modern pop to traditional Indian and Pakistani classical music.

Mustehsan's performance was one of the most viewed episodes of Coke Studio's nine seasons, with over 2.5 million views in a single day. Today, the episode has over 17 million views and the singer continues to rise in popularity.

Having graduated from Stony Brook last year, Mustehsan now dedicates her time to promoting social change and women's rights.

She is traveling around the world and working with organizations such as UN Women, which works toward achieving gender equality and empowering women.

Momina says her specific interest is in advancing the role of women in Pakistani culture.

Frequent visits to Pakistan gave her a keen understanding of how women are treated and the types of role models they look up to.

"There are not a lot of young women who have influence in Pakistan, so I feel like I am in a unique position to push forward progress," Mustehsan said. "We can only progress if we educate ourselves."

While Mustehsan's career keeps her busy, she said she balances the business of her daily life by enjoying simple moments such as spending time with her family or reading a book. She chooses to remain record label-free at the moment and wishes to use her education and background in engineering to further sculpt her future.

When asked about what's next for her, she said, "I am getting married in January, so it is hard to say what will happen after that. I don't think I can look further than that for now."

Book review: 'Why We Broke Up' by Daniel Handler

By Andrew Goldstein
Assistant Opinions Editor

Every Friday night, I take a walk to discuss the week with Benjamin Wallin, staff writer and film reviewer for Baruch College's student-run newspaper, "The Ticker."

I made a resolution to read a hundred books during 2016 and he intended to watch at least 250 movies.

He has watched 237 so far. He has already met his goal to read 50 books this year.

Amid discussing articles and classes, we decided to exchange books. I offered "A Visit from the Goon Squad" by Jennifer Egan (my second favorite novel) and "H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald (my second favorite book that I've read this year).

In return, Wallin gave me "Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafón and "Why We Broke Up" by Daniel Handler, or as my fellow dedicated readers might know him, Lemony Snicket.

"Why We Broke Up" is an adorable book that takes the form of a letter delivered by high school junior and film lover Min Green to senior basketball team co-captain Ed Slaterton following their relationship and explaining at every step why they broke up. Rather than specific

chapters, each section of the book begins with an illustration of something Min kept from their relationship, ranging from bottle caps to a trenchcoat to a recipe book.

She begins with the story of how they met when Ed crashed her friend's "bitter sixteen" and proceeds to go over, in detail, every single date and all of her thoughts while referencing fictional vintage films and actors.

The style of the novel is uncanny. It really feels like it was written by a high school girl. Every movie and actor that Min referenced seemed so real that I found myself looking for these movies.

The story is not meant to be surprising; it's a breakup letter. Instead, it methodically follows a relationship honestly enough to be real.

The story was well-paced and believable.

It was a reflection of early relationships. I found myself thinking back to the girls I dated in high school — insignificant relationships that at the time seemed paramount.

I thought about how much I have grown since then and how little I knew of myself. I still found that tinge of regret, buried deep, that the relationship didn't work out, but it was mixed

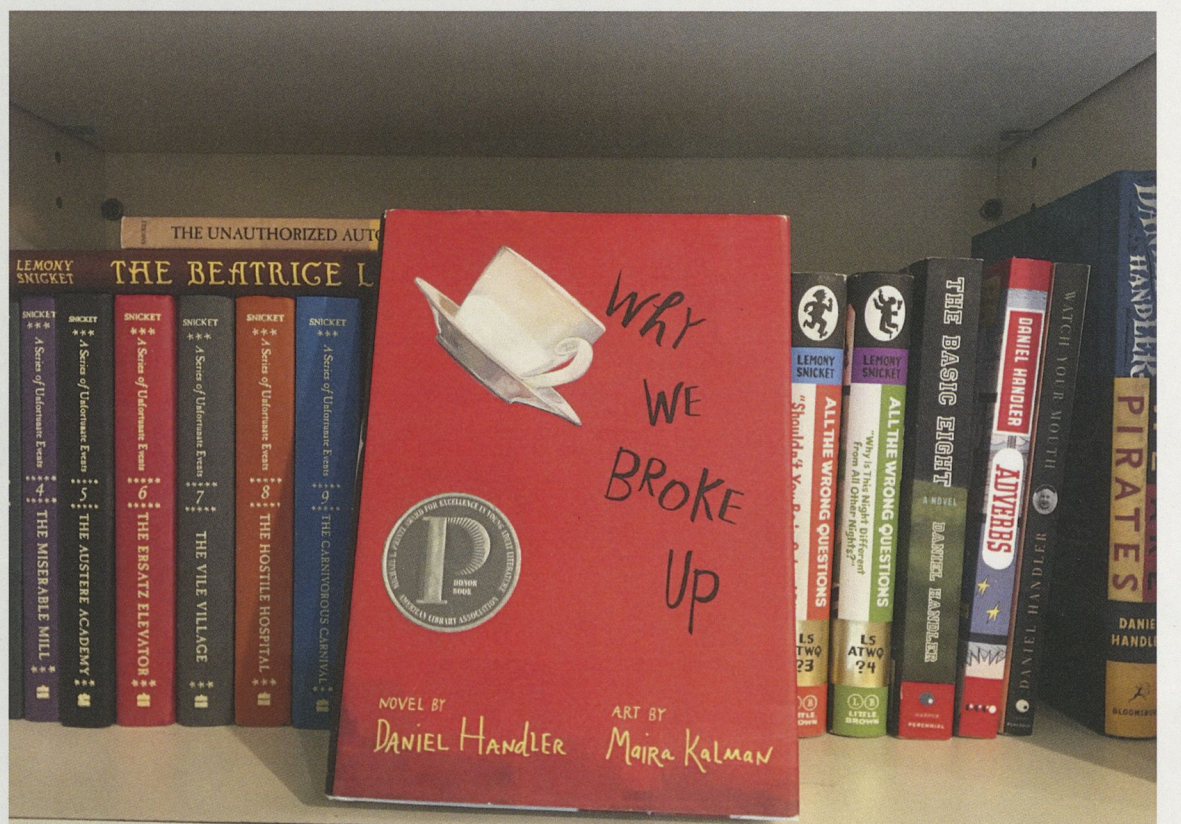
with the lightness of relief that it hadn't.

This novel was made even greater because everyone could relate to the feeling of young love. Rather than appraisals from authors and celebrities, the back cover hosts quotes about their first heartbreaks.

To promote the book, Handler interviewed people in Grand Central Station about their experiences with breakups and exes. Handler and illustrator Maira Kalman also created the "Why We Broke Up Project" on Tumblr where people can submit their own breakup stories.

If you've experienced a relationship or the hope of one, a breakup or the feelings that come with young romance, you will appreciate the sincerity of Handler's writing.

Beautifully illustrated and poetic, "Why We Broke Up" is a sweet story we can all appreciate.



BENJAMIN WALLIN

Daniel Handler's "Why We Broke Up" is a story of young love and heartbreak. It follows the relationship between high schoolers Min Green and Ed Slaterton.

Christmas songs are back again

By Katarina Delgado
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

All of the Thanksgiving leftovers are eaten and the calendar reads "December," so it's time for some festive holiday tunes to get people in the Christmas spirit.

Around the world, people are changing their household decorations and playing their favorite holiday songs. Spotify has classified over 1.3 million tracks as Christmas music, and users have created nearly 16 million Christmas-themed playlists.

"I love Christmas songs," Danielle Dostaly, senior social work major, said. "They're really fun, spread the holiday cheer, remind me of being little growing up. They unite people because the popular ones; almost everyone knows the words."

In the United States, 92 percent of people said they celebrate Christmas and 87 percent of non-religiously affiliated citizens did too, according to PewResearch.

Spotify gathered data from 2015 and found that users in the U.S. began listening to Christmas music on Nov. 29, nearly a month before the holiday. Other countries got into the Christmas spirit even earlier. The Philippines saw its first spike in holiday songs on Sept. 1.

"I get annoyed," Katarina Norte, faculty advisor for Students Helping Honduras, said. "Especially when they start playing right after Thanksgiving. It's like you still have a month to go... and there are radio

stations that'll play it nonstop too, so to me it's just like, alright I get it, it's Christmas."

Many of the most played Christmas songs have become classics and have held spots on the music charts for years. In 2015, Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" was number one on Billboard's Holiday 100 chart on Christmas day. It also reached number 11 on the Hot 100 chart, its highest peak since the song's release in 1994, according to Billboard.

"I feel like they're outdated," Kyle Arendt, senior math major, said. "They don't write new ones, they just do remixes."

Second on the Holiday 100 chart last year was the original "Rockin'

Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee, which was first released in 1958, when the singer was only 13 years old. The 58-year-old song had been on the chart for 23 weeks already by the time Christmas came around.

Jumping up to number three just in time for Christmas was the Pentatonix cover of "Mary Did You Know." The American group added their a cappella twist to the song that was originally released 25 years ago by Michael English.

Although many of the tracks have outlived their singers and are older than their listeners, people like Dostaly enjoy the holiday jingles. She said the songs "never get old."



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Mariah Carey's 1994 hit song "All I Want for Christmas is You" reached number 11 on the Hot 100 last year.

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DEC. 6: LATKE 1000

Stony Brook Hillel is hosting their annual Hanukkah Olympics "Latke 1000" in Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center on Tuesday from 5-8 p.m.. The event will feature free t-shirts and unlimited latkes.

DEC. 7: THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

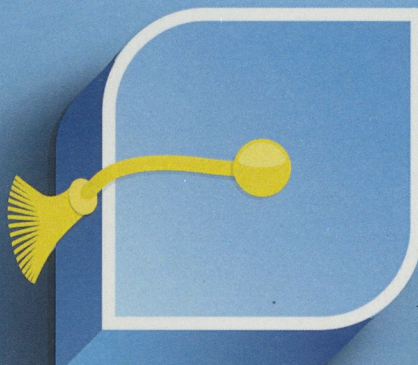
The 16th Annual Festival of Lights will be held in the auditorium of Students Activities Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. The festival is meant to highlight different cultural and religious celebrations that occur during the holiday season. Holiday displays and ethnic food will be featured at the event.

DEC. 8: JON BELLION AT THE PARAMOUNT

Lake Grove's Jon Bellion will be performing at The Paramount in Huntington on Thursday with special guests Nick Tangorra and The James. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.. Bellion will also be opening for Twenty One Pilots in their 2017 tour.

DEC. 9: THE BI-ANNUAL RELAX IN THE SAC

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Stony Brook University does not bar undocumented prospective students from enrolling. Professors and students are petitioning for more support in the future.

Make Stony Brook a sanctuary university

By Rodman Serrano
Contributing Writer

It's been over three weeks since Election Day. Yes, three entire weeks. Classes are in full swing and final exams are fast approaching. Many of us are probably struggling to play keep-up with coursework, or deciding which classes to enroll in for the spring semester or taking on internships and research opportunities. These are a few of the many things on our minds as we continue on our journey toward academic achievement and personal growth.

But for some, the results of the election have left them feeling doubtful. They question whether or not they will ever be able to reach their potential because of uncertainty about their futures and their places here on campus and in this country.

I'm talking about the many undocumented students, or DREAMers (a name taken from a proposed piece of legislation called the DREAM Act). They are young people who immigrated to this country as children, who graduated from high school in the United States, who are valuable members of our campus community, and who are every bit American as you and me — save for a piece of paper. These fellow students now fear that they will someday be separated from their family and loved ones as a result of Donald Trump's promise to repeal President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which has provided protection from deportation and temporary work permits for more than 700,000 DREAMers across the country. In a recent

60 Minutes interview Trump said he would also deport 2-3 million immigrants.

Nelson Melgar, a DACA recipient, is a member of the Long Island Immigrant Student Advocates, and he is trying to remain positive.

"I was thirteen when I came here," Melgar said. "Having DACA is like breathing room. I was able to apply for work, I obtained health insurance. It allows me to be an active participant of society."

Stony Brook University does not bar undocumented prospective students from enrolling in the university, and over the years, the campus has been home to many of these students. DACA has opened many doors for DREAMers like Melgar, who at 26, has graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and has co-founded a Latino civic association group on Long Island.

Trump's disgusting and racist plan, which openly discriminates against people of color and of certain faiths, should not be tolerated in our country or on our campus. It is morally reprehensible and will erode all of the effort and progress our university has made to become an inclusive and safe place for everyone.

Students and professors are gathering momentum on college campuses all across the country to resist Trump's threats of deportation and violence toward immigrants and people of color. One step taken by some schools — including Columbia University in New York City, Wesleyan University in Connecticut and all schools in the California State University system — is to become a sanctuary campus. A

sanctuary campus could be defined as a university that pledges to protect students and all other members of the campus community from all forms of harassment, intimidation and hate speech. It would also take steps to protect students from being targeted by immigration officials because officials would not be allowed to enter campus and/or the university could refuse to release a student's immigration status. These actions, which ought to be adopted by the university, would represent a step in the right direction, and are thus things we should strongly consider. It is also apparent that a number of our fellow Seawolves agree with this proposal. A petition titled "Make SUNY Stony Brook a Sanctuary Campus," written and signed by professors and students, has garnered over 600 signatures and counting.

"We join with a growing number of campus communities across the United States that are calling on their institutions to become 'sanctuary campuses' that will protect community members — students, staff and faculty — from intimidation, unfair investigation, deportation," states the petition, which will be sent to Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. once it collects a thousand signatures. A large number of Americans disagree with Trump's proposals — he did lose the popular vote, after all — and more than 89 percent of students who voted on campus did not vote for Trump and his policies, according to Vote Everywhere at Stony Brook University. This, however, does not

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take away from the reality that he is going to become the next president of this country, and so we must face this reality with solutions to proposed plans we disagree with. We should invest in on-campus counseling and psychological services for students undergoing tremendous mental and emotional strains, and we should collaborate with outside nonprofit organizations.

The "Make SUNY Stony Brook a Sanctuary Campus" petition addresses some of the new challenges students might face under a Trump presidency. It proposes creating a specific office in the university to assist DACA and undocumented students on a strictly confidential basis and to schedule a community town hall meeting to "articulate Stony Brook's commitment to, as articulated in the university's mission statement, 'celebrating diversity and positioning the University in the global community.'" We must communicate these ideas and concerns not just with President Stanley but with the State University of New York Board of Trustees, they help shape and create SUNY policy.

So, take the time to sign the petition. It'll only take you less than a minute. Now that it's been almost a month since we've learned the results of the elections, it's important that we pick ourselves up and not give into fear. It's time that we stop looking at this as an abstract issue, but as a real danger, with or without DACA, to undocumented students, staff members and their family members. By making our school a safe, inclusive place for everyone, we are sending a powerful message to Trump and his followers that hate and intimidation have no place at Stony Brook.

The importance of understanding ideological 'others' in politics

By Todd L. Pittinsky
Contributing Writer

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Once the election was over, Trump, Clinton and Obama — joined by many university campus administrators across the country — began calling for healing. I suppose that many were thinking, "Yeah — fat chance."

What exactly is healing? It is common to talk about empathizing, but I think there's a more basic step that has to come first: understanding. The most dazed, of course, are the Clinton supporters who not only saw imminent victory, but in many cases report being baffled at how Trump's followers could, well, follow Trump at all, given all those things he's said and, by his admission, done.

But one of the keys to understanding political others lies in the fact that we are prone to seeing members of another group as more like each other than members of our own group are like each other. We are diverse, they are all alike. This well-studied, well-documented phenomenon is called the "outgroup homogeneity effect."

To understand political others requires pushing past the outgroup homogeneity effect in order to see the diversity of their motivations and wishes. An example of the outgroup homogeneity effect is to assume that Trump supporters are, as a whole, motivated by the worst of Trump's speech and behavior. Many Clinton supporters have wondered, how could all those Trump supporters be even remotely inspired by that name-calling, bullying, xenophobic, adulterous you-know-what-grabber? But that's no more legitimate — or helpful — than assuming that Clinton's



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President Obama and President-elect Trump met in the Oval Office after the 2016 presidential election. Both have called for national unity after the contentious election.

supporters were so thrilled with her precisely because she set up a private server and then "lost" over 30,000 emails and some expensive smartphones. It's unlikely that many Clinton supporters supported her for doing that, and there are quite a few reasons why different supporters did support her. Trump supporters, too, had a variety of reasons for supporting him despite — not because of — his worst traits. Perhaps some Clinton voters "held their noses" and voted for her and some Trump supporters held their noses and voted for him.

Barring a mass emigration, Clinton supporters and Trump supporters are going to share our campus and indeed our country for the next four years. It is unfortunate — and I would say dangerous — that we will spend less and less time together as we continue our "great sort" of where we live and where we gather online. What can help is an honest effort to understand what really does motivate the "other" side, because both sides see legiti-

mate problems, whether or not we agree with the proposed solutions. To take just one example, whatever benefits free trade does bring, it remains the case that the elites have spent decades talking about job retraining, but have never pulled it off with much success. Workers today are increasingly fungible — a worker here can be replaced with a worker somewhere else, just like oil from Saudi Arabia can be replaced with oil from Nigeria, depending on whichever is cheaper. Building a wall along the Mexican border may be crazy, but not wanting to be fungible is not so crazy.

It follows that in order to heal, perhaps we shouldn't be too quick to empathize. Why not? Because it can be counterproductive to try to empathize with the other side without first learning enough to really understand their positions. It runs the risk of offering pity and condescension. Trump supporters likely don't want sympathy and pity any more than Clinton supporters do. In some

sense, they want what feminists want and what Black Lives Matter wants. That is, they want you to understand that what they are concerned about is real. When you find out what the other side identifies as an underlying problem, you are likely to at least agree that it is a problem. But, like any other intellectual effort, this requires temporarily ignoring personalities (especially Trump's), personal failings (no shortage for either Trump or Clinton) and whatever creeps and crazies may be along for the political ride.

We believe in the idea and practice of the university, right? We are here to train our own minds and to help the next generation to seek accurate understanding first and then move on, if appropriate, to the stages of empathizing emotionally and bestowing approval or disapproval. An election as contentious as this one and an outcome as surprising as this one gives us a beautiful, indeed "yuuge," major-league opportunity to prove it.

The life and death of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro: Why it's OK not to mourn

By Jonathon Kline
Staff Writer

On Nov. 25, Fidel Castro, the "benevolent" dictator of Cuba, passed away. He left behind a country that has only known the rule of an iron fisted leader for the past half a century. In wake of his recent departure, many people have taken to social media to both condemn and revile the man behind the Cuban Missile Crisis and Cold War, some of the most memorable events of the 20th century. In these remarks, he was called both "a symbol of the struggle of justice" in a world beset by malignant, capitalistic forces, as well as a ruthless man who created a government that had "no tolerance" for any voices that did not lend support to the Castro administration.

Though the Cuban government held a nine day period of mourning, others around the world are not taking the same steps in remembering the fallen dictator. Celebrations erupted in areas with a high density of Cuban migrants, many of whom are political exiles and dissidents.

They are the ones who have felt the true nature of Castro's regime: one filled with violence, hatred and executions.

Various leaders around the world who are mourning the death of Castro are either willfully or haphazardly forgetting who this man truly was: a tyrant who executed men and women who did not agree with him.

Castro was not a benevolent leader; he was a monster. How can world leaders like Jill Stein and Justin Trudeau, who expressed positivity about Castro's life, be so supportive and remember an imagined persona of a man who only casually tried to end the world back in 1962? How can they forget about the nearly 3,200 Cubans who were executed, or the nearly 7,000 men and women who died by hunger or random disappearances? Many of the people who are praising him were also people who grew up in an era where they knew of the thousands of migrants riding on small vessels to the United States in hope of a better life. Or, if we truly want

to believe Jill Stein and her vision of a "great" Cuban nation, maybe they just wanted to try out their state of the art boats with their clearly high-paying jobs that a Communist-led government offers.

Western leaders who are not condemning this man's death are cowards or idealists who are forgetting the cost of living under his brutal reign of terror. If world leaders really think they are correct in what they are saying, maybe they should take a detour to Little Havana in Miami and tell them that Castro was not as bad as they all think, that he was such a great leader in the "shadow of empire." It is just hard to believe that Stein, a woman who not only had the opportunity to obtain a doctoral degree and run for the president of the United States would be so keen to label her culture and homeland as an "empire." She reaped the benefits, many of which would not have been afforded to her or any other leader had they lived under the "great" regime of Castro.

To honor a person in death, all of their actions that they under-



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Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, left, talks to Cuban President Fidel Castro, right, in 2005.

took in their life must be taken into account to get the full picture of who they were. For everyone praising Castro as a great Marxist leader, maybe they need

to take another look at the actions of the man behind the beard to come up with a better understanding of the killer they chose to praise.

Future Seawolves: A look at Men's Basketball's 2017-18 recruitment class

By Kunal Kohli
Assistant Sports Editor

As college basketball season starts in October, scouting season ends. Teams that need to replace this year's seniors and potential NBA draftees look to replenish in the pools of youth, trying to find the right pieces among the tens of thousands looking to make the leap from high school basketball to the college level.

For Stony Brook, a mid-major conference team from the America East, scouting comes with an additional caveat: trying to recruit big name players to a small name school. Head coach Jeff Boals, in his first season at the helm of a college program, had four players sign letters of intent to play for the Seawolves.

"Through 22 years of coaching, myself, and the rest of the staff — their years of coaching, you always build relationships and networks no matter who you recruit and when you're recruiting," Boals said.

Boals is a system coach, meaning that he recruits players around his style of basketball and a player who cannot play well in that system is of no use to the team. Prior to the beginning of the season, Boals stated that he would like to run an offense with a point guard, three athletic wings who can shoot from long range and a big man.

"I think no matter where you're — what school you're at, I don't think stars really matter," he said. "It's about the right fit, not only on the court but



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Stony Brook head coach Jeff Boals, right, is interviewed during halftime of a game against Loyola on Wednesday.

off the court as well... We're not going to go by rating systems. I'm going to go by what fits Stony Brook University and our system."

But Boals does not have the advantage of coaching at a highly touted program like Duke does, nor can he talk about Stony Brook's long history of success, since the school has only made the NCAA Tournament once. But he has the university's reputation as an academic powerhouse, as well as his resume at Ohio State to rely on.

His experience at Ohio State has been particularly helpful as he used it to recruit Corry Long, a guard from Cincinnati. Long is a two star recruit, according to Verbalcommits.com.

"The young man from Cincinnati, I had seen him at our team camp at Ohio State for a few summers before I got this

job," Boals said. "I had known about him before I took the job."

Boals also signed forward Anthony Ochefu, guard Jordan McKenzie and forward Elijah Olaniyi to next season's roster. The three, like Long, are two star recruits. But they fit this season's system of play of traditional guards with more versatile, athletic forwards.

"Ideally I'd love to play with a point guard, a big and three wings," Boals said. "I don't like to pigeonhole guys at one, two, three, four, five. Ultimately, I'd love to have multidimensional guys that can play different positions."

Ochefu, in particular, has the versatility that works well in Boals' system. While he is known for his rebounding prowess, Ochefu has a wide range of offensive weapons that could make him better in college basketball

than what his ranking implicates.

"He's an eight and eight points and rebounds guy last year on a team that's loaded with Division I and NBA talent," Ochefu's coach and Westtown School head coach Seth Berger said. "This year I expect him to be a double digit rebound getter and probably a double digit point scorer. Anthony can shoot the three, he scores well around the post."

While Ochefu provides a strong front court presence in this year's recruiting class, McKenzie brings leadership prowess. He is a fifth year player at Hargrave Military Academy. The last Hargrave alum to play basketball at Stony Brook was Tommy Brenton who was the 2013 America East Player of the Year.

Brenton also had a connection to Boals. Back when he was coaching at Akron, Boals tried to recruit Brenton. Rather than play for the Zips, Brenton became a Seawolf.

But that is not Boals' only connection to Hargrave. He has a close relationship with the head coach as well.

"The young man that's from Hargrave Military Academy, I actually coached his coach at Marshall University," Boals said. "So that's how that kind of connected."

McKenzie's leadership skills will be important as senior guard Lucas Woodhouse is graduating after this season. But he will have to get used to playing with two other guards in U.C. Iroegbu, who has played mostly shooting guard this season, and Michael

Almonacy, who has come off the bench.

Olaniyi will be joining him on the wing. He is a slasher who can also shoot, according to his head coach Anthony Tavares. The two skills are useful in Boals' system where a player needs to be able to shoot well, but also penetrate to create space for other shooters.

"I think he's going to be a 1,500 to 2,000 point scorer here when it's all said and done," Boals said of Olaniyi's scoring ability. "He has a knack to score and, I think, he can shoot it, he can handle it, he can attack the basket. He can score at all three levels and he's going to be an exciting player here."

The wing comes from East Side High School in Newark, NJ. The school has had a strong tradition of graduating Division I basketball players, as a few NBA players such as Randy Foye of the Brooklyn Nets and Hassan Whiteside of the Miami Heat.

But basketball was not the only thing Olaniyi looked for in a school. Academics also played a key factor for him. When he first came to East Side High School, his mother was concerned about the academics, hesitant to let him leave the charter school system. But he and Tavares managed to convince her to let him transfer and now he can pursue both academics and athletics.

"[Stony Brook coaches] came down," Tavares said. "The coaches did a good job of working hard and convincing him that Stony Brook was a good fit academically and that was that."

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Stony Brook Baseball releases 2017 schedule, will play at Santa Barbara

By Raphael Tafuro
Contributing Writer

With fall sports finished and basketball season underway, baseball season is right around the corner, and the 2017 Stony Brook Baseball schedule was released on Tuesday.

The Seawolves won back-to-back America East regular season championships in the 2014 and 2015 seasons, have been to a conference tournament title and made an NCAA Regional appearance in 2015, before taking a slight step back last season.

The team will partake in 19 non-conference games to start off the season before the start of their 24-game slate against America East opponents.

If the Seawolves are looking for revenge on the reigning America East champion Bearcats, who eliminated the team last season, they will have to be patient as the teams will not face each other until the end of the season. The Seawolves will host Binghamton in a two-game stretch on May 13 and 14 at Joe Nathan Field.

Perhaps the most difficult task of the season will come to Stony Brook in mid-March as they take a trip to the west coast for a four-game stretch in California. Stony Brook will play a three-game series against UC Santa Barbara from March 17-19 in Santa Barbara, California.

The UCSB Gauchos played in the 2016 College World Series after they defeated Louisville in the Super Regional tournament. Before playing UCSB, Stony Brook will play Pepperdine on March 14 in Malibu, Cali-



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Junior third baseman Bobby Honeyman swings in a 2016 game. Stony Brook released its 2017 schedule on Tuesday.

fornia. Pepperdine finished its season with a 29-24 overall record, losing to Gonzaga in the WCC Tournament.

The Seawolves will kick off the season with nine straight road games, as is typical for teams in winter climates. Stony Brook struggled on the road last season as the team posted a 9-22 away record.

Stony Brook will play three straight games in Louisiana as it takes on McNeese State on Feb. 17, Missouri State on Feb. 18 and Rhode Island on Feb. 19.

The Seawolves will travel to South Carolina for the first three-game series of the season to take on Presbyterian from Feb. 24-26.

From March 3-5, Stony Brook will take on Central Florida in Orlando.

Play on Long Island will begin with a five game home-stand for Stony Brook with the first of two matchups against the NYIT Bears

on March 7 and the Yale Bulldogs on March 8. Stony Brook will also play a three-game series against LIU Brooklyn from March 10-12. Stony Brook will play NYIT once again on May 2, on the road.

Stony Brook will end the non-conference portion of its schedule when it takes on Manhattan at home on March 21.

Stony Brook will begin America East play against Hartford at Joe Nathan Field on March 25 and 26. Hartford ended the season with an overall record of 37-18 but Stony Brook ended Hartford's 2016 season in the America East Tournament by a score of 3-2.

The Seawolves will play the conference rival Hawks two more times on the road on April 22 and 23.

After a small taste of America East play, Stony Brook will play non-conference opponent Marist on March

28 at Joe Nathan Field. They will face Marist for a second time on April 11 in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Stony Brook will kick off April with a couple of conference games against Albany on April 1 and 2 at Joe Nathan Field. Stony Brook lost a three-game series against Albany last season but the Seawolves defeated the Great Danes in the America East Tournament by a lopsided score of 10-4. The two teams will meet again later in the season to battle in Albany, this time to play a pair of games on May 6 and 7.

After wrapping up the games against Albany, Stony Brook will face Iona on April 4. The Seawolves will then travel to Connecticut to begin a three-game series against Sacred Heart from April 7-9, with the first game played in Connecticut and the next two games in Stony Brook.

Stony Brook will look to take the season series against UMass Lowell for the third year in a row as the Seawolves will play the River Hawks from April 14 and 15 in LeLacheur Park.

Stony Brook will play a Fairfield team that had a historic 2016 season, making its first-ever NCAA regional appearance. The Seawolves will play the Stags at home on April 26.

Stony Brook will finish out the month of April with a conference matchup against Maine at home on April 29 and 30. Stony Brook beat Maine in five out of six games played last season.

The regular season will come to an end on the road against the UMBC Retrievers from May 19-20, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Hot shooting spurs Seawolves in home victory

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wolves until the final buzzer sounded. He had four consecutive points to cut the lead to 10 with less than five minutes left in the first half. The Huskies closed out the half with a 18-9 run.

"My biggest thing was just to relax, understand what got us the lead" Boals said about his halftime message. "I was proud of them."

Northeastern came out of halftime ready to take over. The Huskies managed to build a five-point lead on the Seawolves after Williams stole the ball and laid the ball in on a fastbreak.

But Sekunda went on a three-point shooting tear to help the Seawolves get the lead back. He sunk one from beyond the arc to cut Northeastern's lead to two and made another shot to go up three points after Nyama made a game-tying layup with 10:55 left on the clock.

Mitchell made a three of his own to push the lead to 56-50 and Sturdivant bullied his way to the basket and made a layup, just two of his 12 points on the night, to make it an eight-point game, Stony Brook's largest lead of the second half.

The Seawolves continue their homestand against Lehigh next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Coley Pawlikowski, center, sits on the bench in a 2016 volleyball game. Pawlikowski was fired on Wednesday.

Pawlikowski ousted as head coach of Stony Brook Volleyball team

By Kunal Kohli
Assistant Sports Editor

Coley Pawlikowski was fired from her position as women's volleyball head coach Wednesday night, according to Stony Brook Athletics. She led the Seawolves to a 53-73 record and three straight America East Tournament appearances in four seasons.

In her final season as head coach, Pawlikowski's team went 8-21 overall, the worst record it has had since Stony Brook entered Division I play, and 4-8 in conference play. Despite having winning conference records in her first two years, the Seawolves have slid. They went .500 in conference play in 2015 and lost to Albany in the first round of the America East Tournament that year.

This season, the Seawolves missed the America East Tournament for the first time during Pawlikowski's tenure and for the first time since the 2012 season.

Stony Brook also went 1-11 in away games this season and 1-5 in neutral sites. The Seawolves lost in straight sets nine times, the most

since Pawlikowski's first season with the team.

"Coley worked extremely hard to build the Stony Brook volleyball program and I am very appreciative of her efforts," Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron said in the news release. "The expectation for our volleyball program is to compete for an America East championship every year and we will continue to pursue that goal under a new head coach. I wish Coley nothing but the best in the future."

While the Seawolves had experienced players in previous seasons, this year the lack of upper-class leadership plagued the team — there were no seniors.

With Pawlikowski now gone, the search for a new head coach to helm the team is underway. The search will be a national one, according to the news release. Heilbron has made three hires during his tenure: women's basketball head coach Caroline McCombs, women's soccer head coach Brendan Faherty and men's basketball head coach Jeff Boals, coming from Pittsburgh, Washington and Ohio State, respectively.

Volleyball's record, last four seasons:

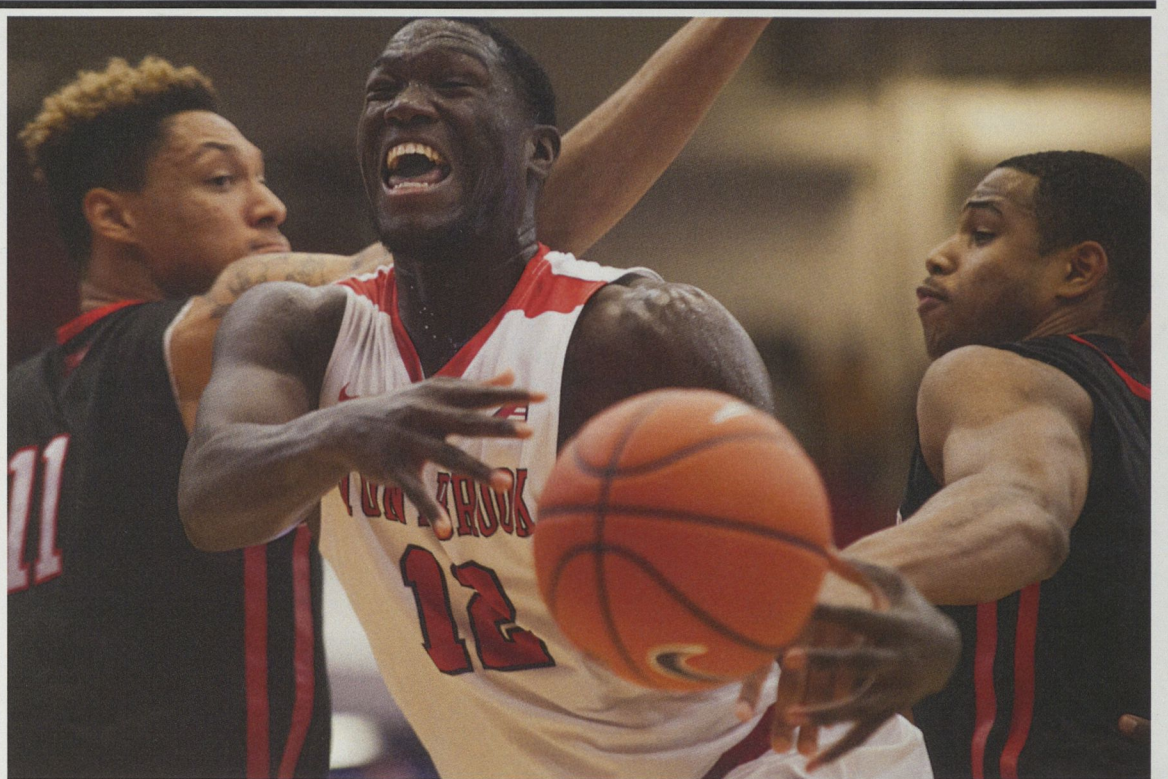
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This season, Stony Brook had its worst record since the school entered Division I prior to the 1999 season.



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Junior forward Tyrell Sturdivant is fouled in Stony Brook's 77-75 win over Northeastern on Saturday night. Sturdivant scored 12 points in the Seawolves' first home win this season.

Stony Brook wins first at home against Northeastern

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After falling to Loyola on a last-second shot Wednesday, the Stony Brook men's basketball team wanted redemption. On Saturday night, against Northeastern, the Seawolves nearly lost on a buzzer-beater again, but a last second three point attempt missed and Stony Brook won, 77-75.

"[Our team] had multiple chances where they could have broke," said Jeff Boals, who won his first home game as Stony Brook head coach. "But they bent and didn't break. That's a sign of maturity. That's a sign of growth."

With 20 seconds left in the game, Stony Brook was up 75-72. Northeastern penetrated through Stony Brook's full-court pressure defense and was able to get the ball to Bolden Brace on the three-point line. It was a miss.

Alex Murphy collected the offensive rebound for the Huskies and hit a layup. The whistle sounded — an "and-one" — as senior guard Kameron Mitchell was called for a foul. Murphy sank the free throw to tie the game at 75.

Stony Brook went to inbound the ball. Another whistle blew.

T.J. Williams, the 12th-leading scorer in the nation and leading scorer in the game with 20 points, was called for an off-the-ball foul against senior guard Lucas Woodhouse, who went to the line. He made both free throws to put his team up two. Woodhouse shot 8-for-8 on free throws in the game's final two minutes and had 17 points on the night.

"In our shootarounds, we practice them," Woodhouse said. "We have a competition: who can make a certain amount... [Junior center] Jake [Petras] actually won two of them."

With just eight seconds left, the Huskies inbounded the ball. Stony Brook's full-court press retreated to a half-court set, anticipating the ball to go to Williams. Instead it went to forward Jeremy Miller, who was 3-for-3 from three-point range at that point.

"We wanted to switch on every ball screen," Boals said. "We knew they were probably going to try to run something for Williams. They ended up running it for Miller, who's a really good shooter."

Mitchell ran up to him, arms straight up in the air.

"Please don't go in. Please don't go in," Boals begged to himself.

The ball clanged off the rim as the buzzer sounded. The

Seawolves won their first home game of the season, improving to 2-5 overall.

While three-point shooting proved to be the Huskies' downfall, it was the Seawolves' greatest weapon.

Stony Brook put on a shooting clinic throughout the game. After Northeastern went on a 7-0 to start off the game, Stony Brook slowly battled back with a five point run of its own. Junior guard U.C. Iroegbu hit a three-point shot to give the Seawolves a 9-7 lead and extend their run to nine points.

The floodgates opened for Stony Brook. Redshirt junior forward Roland Nyama hit a pair of consecutive jumpers from downtown to push Stony Brook's steadily growing lead to 15-7. Iroegbu and junior forward Bryan Sekunda pushed the lead to 21-10 after Northeastern's T.J. Williams, the 13th leading scorer in the country, made a jumper to end Stony Brook's run.

"We saw our shots go in early," junior forward Tyrell Sturdivant said. "Once we settled in, and shots started to fall, I feel like we could play with anybody."

Although the Huskies were down by 15, Williams led a comeback that haunted the Sea

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