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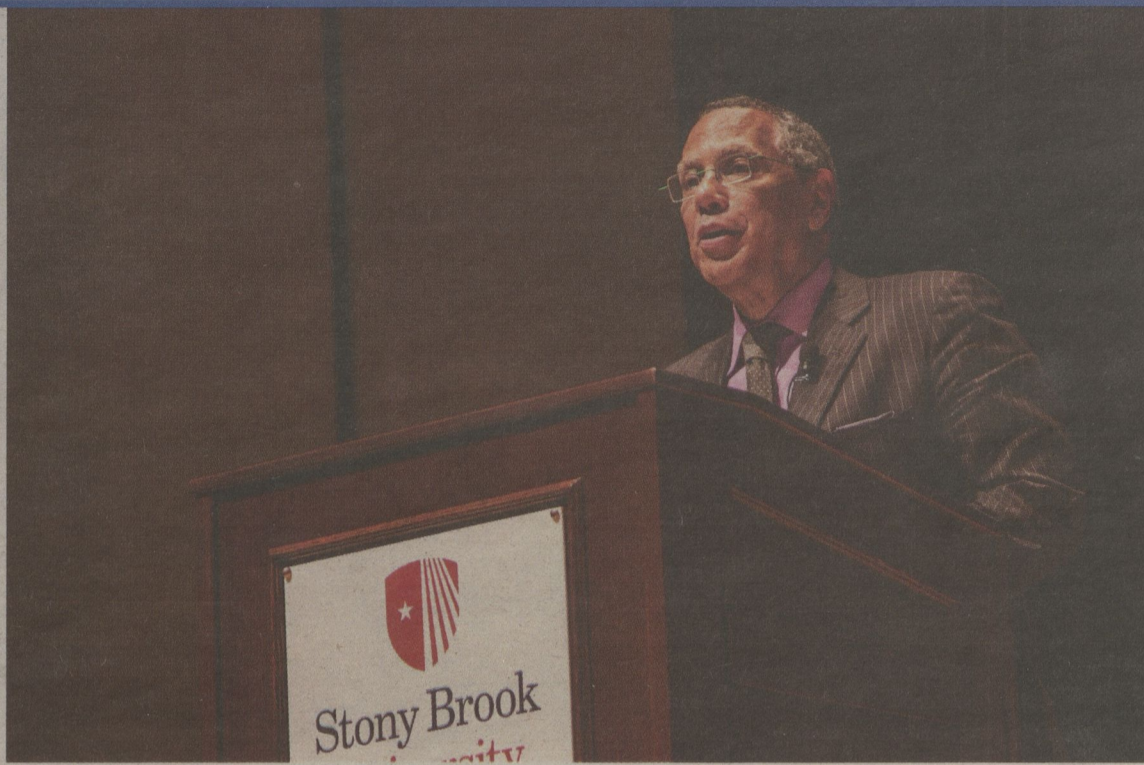
NY Times executive editor talks the future of news

By Mike Adams
Contributing Writer

A crowd of over 1,000 gathered in the Staller Center on Feb. 23 to hear a candid conversation between Dean Baquet, the executive editor of The New York Times, and School of Journalism Dean Howard Schneider.

"Dean comes here at an extraordinary moment in the life of journalism and in the life of the country," Schneider said while introducing Baquet. "Not only in Washington, where journalists are being described as enemies of the people, but in living rooms across the country, there is this battle that's raging about what we can trust and what we can believe ... the country is totally divided."

Baquet opened by praising Schneider, calling the dean "a truly creative spirit." He and Schneider have maintained a professional relationship since their days serving as editors of the Los Angeles Times and Newsday respectively, which were both owned by the Tribune Company at the time.



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The New York Times' Executive Editor Dean Baquet discussed his life as a journalist and editor at the School of Journalism's "My Life As..." event on Feb. 23 in the Staller Center.

The conversation began with a discussion of President Donald Trump, mainly the Times' coverage of the 2016 presidential election and subsequent coverage of the newly inaugurated president. Early on, Baquet made a case for the ultimate objectivity of The New York Times, responding to criticism that the paper's coverage of President Trump has served to normalize the new administration.

"It is our role to provide muscular and fair coverage of the transformation of government under Donald Trump," Baquet said. "It is not our role to be the house organ for the loyal

opposition. In this country, the opposition eventually comes back to power. They expect us to remain loyal, and then we become nothing more than a pathetic lapdog."

The biggest round of applause for the evening came when Baquet reaffirmed that he is still willing to go to jail in order to publish Trump's tax returns. Baquet's comment launched a discussion with Schneider about the possible erosion of press freedoms.

"It doesn't deter me," he said. "It just worries me."

Schneider said the crowd at this "My Life As" event was the

largest crowd to date, which he attributed to a renewed interest in journalism with the election of Donald Trump.

"Donald Trump's presidency has made the country aware of a lot of very important issues regarding the press and its future," Schneider said. "I wish we would've had some Trump supporters asking questions. They may have been in the audience, but it would have been nice to hear from them."

After the lecture, *The Statesman's* Skyler Gilbert posed a question to the editor, wondering

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University Senate faculty survey shows low ratings

By Desiree D'Iorio
Contributing Writer

The University Senate's 2016 Faculty Survey revealed low ratings for much of the university, including the College of Arts and Sciences and building maintenance.

The survey results were presented at the Senate's Feb. 6 meeting by Rob Kelly, chair of the Administrative Review Committee, which is responsible for evaluating administrative performance. The 99-page report was prepared by Kelly and a 12-person team.

The survey was conducted in the fall semester of 2016 and received 1,582 faculty responses – well over 50 percent more responses than earlier surveys, according to Kelly.

The Administrative Review Committee identified the two main areas of concern as building maintenance and academic administration.

Building maintenance and infrastructure received a 36.5% approval rating from 1,479 faculty respondents, who provided an "extraordinary quantity of negative scores and comments concerning the state of many buildings on campus," according to the report. Respondents took issue with heating and air conditioning issues, infrequent bathroom maintenance in high-travel areas and insect infestations in university buildings.

"I have worked at and attended several top public research universities throughout the country," said one respondent, who was unnamed in the report. "Unfortunately, Stony Brook's maintenance of buildings and grounds ranks FAR below maintenance at the others. It has been the one thing I have always been ashamed of."

Respondents were also asked to rate their respective deans on a number of qualities and comment on their dean's performance. The survey was conducted anonymously but respondents were asked to self-identify the school at which they worked.

The survey noted "widespread dissatisfaction" with academic administration.

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Study finds negative diversity experiences can harm students

By Rawson Jahan
Contributing Writer

Students entering college for the first time are often immersed in a world of diversity – different cultures, ethnicities, religions and backgrounds. And while more students report having positive diversity experiences, including meaningful discourse, it's the few negative experiences that are truly detrimental, according to a recent study published in *The Journal of Higher Education*.

"Engaging With Diversity: How Positive and Negative Diversity Interactions Influence Students' Cognitive Outcomes," published on Jan. 27, found that negative diversity interactions signaled a stronger need for cognitive understanding and critical thinking skills. Similarly, positive diversity interactions indicated an already strong foundation of critical thinking skills.

"Students who have positive in-

teractions like to think how to solve problems, how to think critically, and engage in more thoughtful and complex thinking," Josipa Roksa, associate professor of sociology and education at the University of Virginia and the lead researcher of the study, said. "And the students who have negative experiences, they're more likely to rely on stereotypes."

The research project was inspired by a previous study administered by Roksa and Richard Arum, dean of the school of education at the University of California, Irvine. The study, "Limited Learning on College Campuses," published by the University of Chicago in 2011, found that students – particularly those of African-American descent – were gaining fewer skills in critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing in college.

"It started making me think, what is it about college?" Roksa asked.

Roksa's recent study, with five other researchers, relied on results from



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Josipa Roksa, above, found that negative diversity experiences impact students more than positive ones.

three cohorts of students from 43 different four-year institutions entering university between 2006 and 2008. In the fall of their freshman year, 7,246 students – approximately half of the sample – took a WNS test,

which is an aptitude test that measured their critical thinking skills and cognitive abilities. At the end of their fourth year of college, 2,684 students

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from the original sample took the WNS test again.

The results found that 40 percent of students of color reported negative diversity experiences, while only 25 percent of white students reported negative diversity experiences. The results also found that students of color experienced a higher percentage of positive diversity experiences – 50 percent – compared to 30 percent of white students.

“A lot of it has to do with prior experiences kind of like preparation students have – the high school they went to, the curriculum they were exposed to, and the kind of teachers they had,” Roksa said. “We noticed that students from a less advantage background, particularly African-American and Hispanic students, have a harder time navigating with teachers and peers, finding a sense of belonging.”

Some students at Stony Brook University agree with the study's findings. It is important to note, however, that prior experiences can affect how students view diversity.

“For some Hindus, especially the older generation, there are deep negative connotations with Pakistan and sometimes other Islamic states,” senior biology student and president of the Hindu Student Council, Yoga Kammili, said. “During our GBMs, there are times when that same re-

sentment can be detected, and it makes me upset that some of this hate has still been passed down so many years.”

Other students like Kammili have experienced negative diversity experiences, where the mindset of a particular group created a negative environment. Jacqueline Loughran, a senior health science major transferred from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa last year, after experiencing negative diversity situations.

“It's pretty known at Alabama that black girls don't join sororities,” Loughran said. “It's an unspoken fact.”

When Loughran attended the University of Alabama, sisters from a sorority she was rushing asked her to refrain from telling reporters from CNN, The New York Times and other media outlets that the sorority didn't accept African-American girls.

“I was shocked they asked me to do that,” she said. “I didn't think there was an actual rule against black girls joining.”

When news broke of the sorority, Loughran dropped out.

“I called my mom and I knew I had to leave this environment,” she said. “Stony Brook is refreshing. When I hear people from diverse backgrounds speak about issues that affect them in class, it feels so real.”

Some students at Stony Brook have found that their positive diversity experiences have added to their un-



MANJU SHIVACHARAN / STATESMAN FILE

At Stony Brook University, students have found that positive diversity experiences on campus have led to a better understanding of cultures other than their own.

derstanding of people from cultures other than their own.

“Being a part of CASB has definitely added to my understanding of other cultures, especially of China and Korea,” Stephanie Chan, a senior English major and president of the Chinese Association at Stony Brook, said. “I now have so many friends from that culture, and it's helped me

get in touch with my roots.”

But because negative diversity interactions are so much stronger than positive diversity interactions, it's important for institutions and faculty to create an environment that deters negative interactions, Roksa said.

In addition, she said college administrators need to tackle these is-

suues and must then work to purposefully create environments that foster positive and meaningful interactions among students.

“Students on a day to day basis also need to think about how they relate to their peers and how they treat their peers,” she said. “It's really consequential for their learning environment.”

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Dean Baquet defends the Times' coverage of the 2016 presidential election

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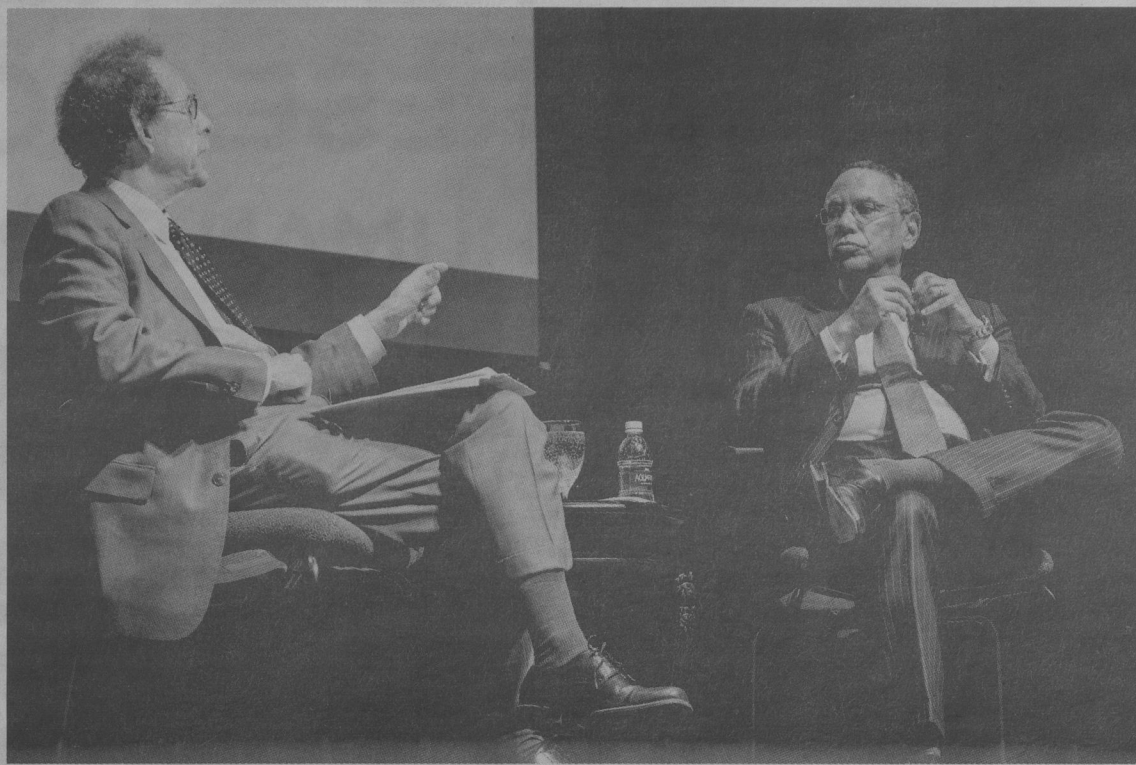
what Baquet would do in the event that the Trump administration rescinded the press briefing credentials of Times reporters.

"I don't care," Baquet said. "We'll cover them other ways. I might even be a little relieved not to have to go to those goddamn press briefings. There are advantages to reporting when the person you are reporting on doesn't want to give you access. It forces you to go find sources someplace else, it forces you to go to coffee shops with people who work in the White House, it forces you to get out of the press room and just work the room and find different sources. It forces you out of the bubble where the press conferences were held, and that's good too."

Baquet's comments on the matter now hold a newfound relevance, as reporters from The New York Times, CNN, the Los Angeles Times and Politico were barred from the White House press briefing just one day after his statement.

Baquet grew up in a family of five in New Orleans, the son of a mailman who left his job and sold his home in order to start a restaurant. He took his first ever plane ride at the age of 18, flying north to study English at Columbia University.

While Baquet would remain at Columbia from 1974 to 1978, he ultimately dropped out before receiving his degree to begin working for The Times-Picayune, a paper operating in his hometown. Baquet joined the Chicago Tribune in 1984, where he won a Pulitzer Prize for his involvement in the investigation of corruption



Howard Schneider, left, the dean of the School of Journalism, posed questions for Baquet at Thursday's "My Life As..." event, which brought in a crowd of over 1,000.

within the Chicago City Council. He rose to his current position at the Times in 2014, after serving as managing editor for three years under the previous executive editor, Jill Abramson.

His early work in the trenches taught Baquet a lesson he would touch on, in one way or another, throughout the lecture.

"Everyone, literally everyone, has a story," Baquet said. "We just have to shut up and listen."

When asked about his paper's coverage of the election cycle, Baquet expressed regret at what he saw as a lack of understanding of Trump supporters on the part of the Times.

"We have to understand the people who say we don't understand them," Baquet said.

In particular, Baquet said he

wished he could go back in time and remove the election prediction meter from the homepage of The New York Times website, which at one point had given Hillary Clinton a chance of victory above 80 percent.

"That meter was more confident than any of us in the newsroom," he said.

Although Baquet did not mince words about his paper's less than perfect election coverage, he stood by the Times' coverage of Hillary Clinton, — particularly her email scandal — when confronted by an audience member who was applauded by the crowd after saying the paper's biased coverage of the Democratic nominee led him to cancel his subscription.

Although the attendee thought

the Times was unfair to Clinton, the paper chose to endorse her in the 2016 election.

"I don't regret our coverage of Comey's letter," Baquet said. "I don't think we were unfair to Hillary Clinton. We have also tried to cover Trump aggressively, I think if you don't read us, you'll miss out on

important information."

In the face of an adversarial presidential administration, an abundance of fake news and an ever-changing business model, Baquet still managed to characterize himself as an optimist, excited for the future of journalism as a whole. Citing the increase in the Times' print circulation, he said Trump's presidency has mobilized a greater interest in journalism than he has seen since the 1960s.

"I honestly believe that in the long haul, if you are tough, if you are accurate, you are a must read," Baquet said. "People will read you because they have to. I'm not worried, in fact I'm profoundly optimistic. If that's the future of journalism, I want in."

After the lecture, Nomi Solo, the wife of late Stony Brook chemistry professor Dick Solo, praised the efforts of the School of Journalism in bringing Baquet to campus.

"We're very thrilled with the presence of the journalism school on the campus," Solo said. "We think Howard Schneider has done a fabulous job in making this school stand out and by bringing to us fabulous journalism dignitaries right to our backyard."

UPD receives high ratings in faculty survey

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The deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Dental Medicine, School of Medicine, School of Nursing and University Libraries received some of the worst scores.

"The most notable of these is the precipitous decline in scores for the College of Arts and Sciences, especially notable since there was a change in Deans" since the last survey that was conducted in 2013, according to the report.

Sacha Kopp, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, received overall negative scores. Many respondents spoke plainly about their frustrations with Kopp's leadership, as well as his budget and policy decisions, calling him "ineffective," "unqualified" and "inexperienced." Multiple respondents blamed him for low morale at the school.

"I welcome feedback and ongoing input from the faculty and staff, which is an essential part of our progress and success," Kopp said in an email.

University services like the Career Center, child care services and the University Police Department received high overall scores.

The Health Sciences Center Library and the Office of Undergraduate Education were also highly rated, as were several vice presidents. The deans of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the School of Health Technology were given high ratings from faculty as well.

The Senate Executive Committee presented the survey results to Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley in December, Kelly said.

While Kelly is not an executive committee member, he said that after past surveys, the administration typically asks for more data on the survey results and sometimes investigates whether a change in leadership is appropriate.

No respondent comments were published for schools that garnered less than 30 responses, which included the School of Journalism, the School of Professional Development and the College of Business.

The next faculty survey will be conducted in 2018.



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The University Police Department, the Career Center and Child Care Services all received high overall scores.

Police Blotter

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 1 a.m., a vehicle ran a red light on Nicolls Road. Once pulled over, marijuana was discovered in the car. One referral was given. The case is closed.

On Monday, Feb. 13, at 12:47 a.m., marijuana smoke caused the fire alarm to go off at Tubman Hall. An arrest was made. The case is closed.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10:47 a.m., marijuana and a pipe were found at Hamilton College. Two students were referred. The case is closed.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 4:47 p.m., a possible phone scam was reported at Dutchess Hall. This case remains open.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10:17 p.m., a wallet was reportedly taken from an individual at East Side Dining. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 p.m., a wallet and its contents was reportedly taken from the Campus Recreation Center. The case remains open.

On Friday, Feb. 17, at 11:14 a.m., a female individual reported that her jacket was taken from the library. The case is closed by investigation.

On Friday, Feb. 17, at 11:51 a.m., an unlawful posting of a poster was found on a bulletin board in the New Computer Science Building. The case remains open.

On Friday, Feb. 17, at 1:49 p.m., a parked car was damaged by another car that left the scene at the Ambulatory Surgery Center. There are no cameras in the area. No detectives were assigned to the case so it is unclear whether the case remains open or is closed.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, at 4:55 p.m., \$750 went missing from a patient at University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5:45 p.m., a vehicle was stopped for an expired inspection sticker. The driver was then arrested for possession of marijuana but was released on a Field Appearance Ticket meaning a scheduled court date. The case is closed.

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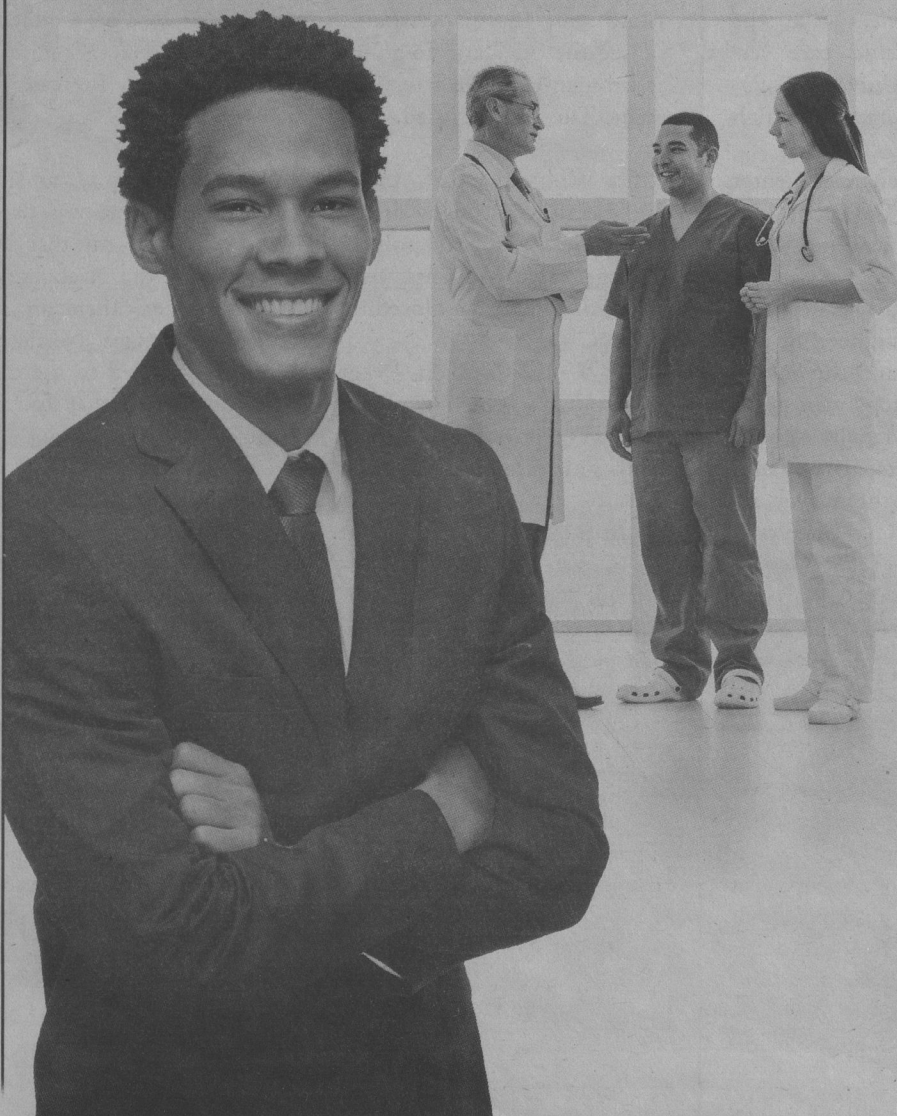
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Episode Review: Final Four of 'The Bachelor' Season 21

By Jessica Carnabuci
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

ABC's "The Bachelor" has always been filled with shocking moments perfectly narrated by host Chris Harrison. From last season's bachelor Ben Higgins saying "I love you" to the last two women left in the competition, to this season's bachelor Nick Viall asking three dads if he can marry their daughters, I've come to realize that this show is basically a hot mess.

With that being said, I still think it's a great way to spend your Monday nights if you don't have anything better to do.

Last week's episode introduced us to the hometowns of the four remaining girls – Raven Gates, Rachel Lindsay, Corinne Olympios and Vanessa Grimaldi. Raven, originally from Hoxie, Arkansas, brought Nick to a random grain bin, which is where people from Hoxie go when they need to have important conversations, she said. On their way to the top of grain bin, they were stopped by a cop who told them to stop what they were doing. In the typical bachelor surprise fashion, it turned out that the cop was none other than Raven's brother – what a relief for everyone who thought they were going to be arrested for trespassing.

Their date continued with the pair going mudding and ended with Nick meeting the family. Nick's introduction was quickly overshadowed by Raven's father announcing that he was officially cancer-free, which led to a touching heart-to-heart between Raven and her father. Nick, after congratulating



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During the suspenseful rose ceremonies on "The Bachelor," contestants who do not receive a red rose are sent home.

ing Raven's dad on the great news, proceeded to ask for his blessing in possibly proposing to Raven if that's what he decides to do at the end of the show. Her father, who started off by saying he didn't think that he was going to like Nick, said that it would be okay with him – one down, two more blessings to go.

Rachel's hometown of Dallas, Texas, was next. Her date started with taking Nick to church, where she said, "he better be ready to snap, clap [and] stomp." It ended with Nick meeting her family and talking about them as an interracial couple. He didn't ask Rachel's mom for her bless-

ing and Rachel's dad was out of town due to work obligations, so we'll never know if they would've been okay with him proposing. Their date went really well and her family seemed to really like Nick, but this date doesn't really matter since it was announced on Feb. 13 that Rachel will be next season's Bachelorette. The announcement was a big spoiler and upset viewers, especially if Rachel was their favorite. Even though it's obvious that she won't make it to the end, we still have to sit through watching her trying to win Nick's heart.

Corinne, who you've probably heard of even if you don't watch the show because of her crazy antics and appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," was next. She brought Nick to her hometown of Miami, Florida, and they went shopping. She casually bought him \$3,000 worth of clothing and didn't blink an eye before handing over her credit card while Nick was freaking out behind her. They then went to a cute outdoor restaurant and talked about their relationship. Their date ended with Nick meeting her family and the famous nanny that we've been waiting to meet all season – Raquel.

Unpopular opinion: I honestly really like Corinne and Nick together. Although everyone in the beginning of the season didn't like her, I feel like I relate to her because of her love of cheese cubes and naps. Nick proceeded to ask her father for his blessing right after a quick conversation about his concerns about Nick being able to financially support Corinne – two success-

ful blessings down, one more to go.

The last date of the episode was with Vanessa in Montreal, Canada. She took him to her classroom and showed him what her job as a special education teacher is like, which also revealed genuine moments between her and her students.

Then, Nick went to meet Vanessa's mom's side of the family, which included 20 of her Italian relatives who were all panicking that Vanessa was going to get her heart broken again.

After meeting her mom's side of the family, Nick met Vanessa's dad. Nick asked for his blessing and was met with dramatic music followed by, "I just can't give you my blessing, just like this."

Her dad brought up the fact that Nick is still dating three other women and asked if Nick asked the other girls' fathers for their blessings, which he reluctantly responded yes to. After Vanessa's dad grilled him for a few minutes, he finally gave him his blessing. Three out of three – successful.

None of the girls were sent home at the end of this episode, which means Monday's episode will include an elimination and the infamous fantasy suites, where Nick gets a night of off-camera alone time with each woman.

If you're looking for an entertaining reality show with silly drama, I recommend watching "The Bachelor" on Monday nights at 8 p.m. or at least looking at the hashtag on Twitter while the show is on to see viewers' humorous reactions.

Trendy spots on Long Island to satisfy your caffeine addiction

By Jessica Carnabuci
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

Instead of always getting coffee from the Seawolves Marketplace or Starbucks on campus, here are other options you can choose from across Long Island.

The Cup Coffeehouse – Wantagh

Located on the south shore of Nassau County, The Cup Coffeehouse is a trendy spot offering a variety of beverages, food, board games, live music and open mic nights. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight from Sunday to Thursday and until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, it's a great place to catch up with friends while playing a game of Cards Against Humanity or any of the other board games that are provided. Take a seat on comfy couches in their artsy interior or under the strings of fairy lights in their outdoor seating area during the warmer months. Butterbeer is even available for Harry Potter fans.

The Witches Brew – West Hempstead

The Witches Brew in Nassau County is a popular coffee house

best known for its spooky and Halloween-themed decor. The dimly lit ambiance, with orange fairy lights, makes it a great place to hang out with friends into the late hours. It has an expansive coffee and tea menu and different food choices, including desserts and vegan options. It's closed on Monday and open from noon until midnight on Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday. It stays open until 1 a.m. on Friday

and Saturday.

Soul Brew – St. James

In Suffolk County, Soul Brew offers a variety of light food options, organic smoothies, teas and coffee in a relaxing and colorfully-decorated cafe setting. It's open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday through Tuesday and until 10 p.m. for the rest of the week. There are fun card games like Taboo and Uno for groups of

friends to enjoy, as well as games for kids. Soul Brew also has live music and a box full of books that anyone can read while they sip on their latte.

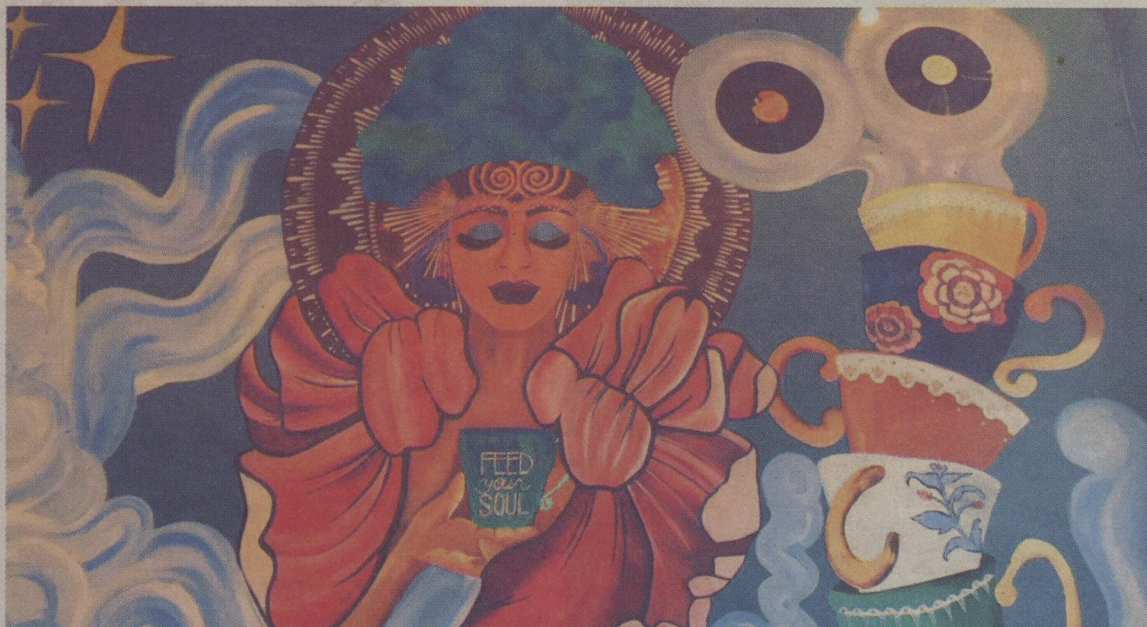
Crazy Beans – Stony Brook

Popular among students because of its close proximity to campus, word of mouth and many Instagram photos, Crazy Beans offers an array of lattes that come in jars and decorated

mugs. As a sit-down restaurant, it has a variety of options for breakfast and lunch for customers while they sit in the quaint and intimate setting. Its decor is similar to a vintage diner with the tiled floors and red chairs, and customers are greeted by a large moose head hanging above the counter when they first walk in. Crazy Beans is open from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and opens at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Local's Cafe – Port Jefferson

Across the street from the marinas in Port Jefferson, Local's Cafe is a modern cafe with a health conscious menu and, of course, an array of coffee options. This relatively new cafe, which opened in February of last year, adds to the variety of eateries in downtown Port Jefferson. It caters to people on the go who don't want to sit down for a full meal, like the nearby Toast Coffeehouse offers, and allows people to walk down to the water with their coffee. It's open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and until 8 p.m. on weekends.



ANISAH ABDULLAH / THE STATESMAN

A painted mural inside of Soul Brew, a coffee shop located in St. James, Long Island.

UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS CAMPUS

Staller Center for the Arts

March 9

Peter Cincotti

A recent addition to the Staller Center lineup, this performance at 8 p.m. in the recital hall features a musician who topped the Billboard charts at 18. Peter Cincotti will perform songs from his latest album "Long Way From Home." With his blended pop, rock, blues and jazz sounds, the New York native has shared the stage with artists like David Guetta, Ray Charles and Andrea Bocelli. Cincotti recently made an appearance on Netflix's hit show "House of Cards," where he sang a duet with the president, played by Kevin Spacey. For his Staller Center performance, Cincotti will take the stage with a mic, piano and a band to play his newest songs. Tickets are \$30.



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April 1 and 2

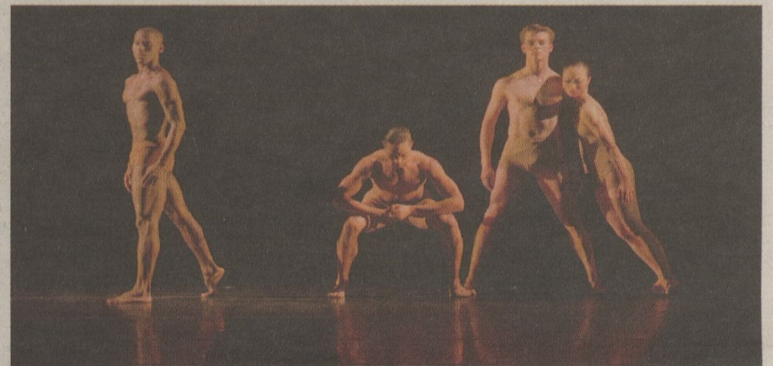
Cuisine & Confessions

Les 7 doigts de la main has been featured in Broadway's Pippin and will now be featured on the main stage in the Staller Center. The award-winning Canadian acrobatic and circus troupe will take the main stage and stimulate the senses. Its unique performance is set in a kitchen and incorporates cooking, the smell of fresh baked cookies, the taste of roasted oregano and the feeling of batter between fingers. Performers will flip, tumble and jump across the stage with acrobatic choreography set to pulsating music. The tickets are \$42. Show times are April 1 at 8 p.m. and April 2 at 4 p.m.

April 8

Martha Graham Dance Company

The Martha Graham Dance Company will perform a contemporary dance show on April 8 at 8 p.m. on the main stage. The show will include performances choreographed by Martha Graham herself, in addition to dances by contemporary artists who were inspired by her work. "Graham's groundbreaking style grew from her experimentation with elements of contraction and release. Her Company lives on, having expanded contemporary dance's vocabulary and forever altering the scope of the art form," according to the Staller Center event page. Tickets are \$48.



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March 18 - April 12

BODIES: MFA Thesis Exhibition

The Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition, "BODIES," will be featured in the Zuccaire Gallery from March 18 to April 12. Artworks created by the art students include sculpture, printmaking, photography and video pieces. Tanya Kaiser Robinson, Rebecca Uliasz, Allison Walters and Dewayne Wrencher created the works that will be shown. Walters' print piece entitled "Different People in the Same Suit #1" shows a man in a bright pink morph suit standing out against a white backdrop. The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. The events will be free and open to the public.

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Mark Edward Harris: A Wanderluster in Asia

The Skylight Gallery will present the photographic works of a world traveler. Mark Edward Harris has taken photographs in more than 80 countries, but this upcoming exhibition will focus on his time in Asia, specifically China, Japan, North and South Korea, Myanmar, Vietnam, Nepal, India and Iran. An opening reception will take place on Wednesday, March 8 at 5 p.m. and will be free and open to the public.



MARK EDWARD HARRIS



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Africans in India: From Slaves to Generals and Rulers

A never-before-seen exhibition is coming to the Wang Center's Zodiac Gallery that "retraces the history of Africans in the Indian subcontinent from the 16th to 20th centuries," according to the news release from the Wang Center. The exhibition will showcase more than 100 contemporary photographs and photo reproductions of paintings that record the accomplishments of some of the generals, admirals, commanders and rulers involved in the East African diaspora in India. The opening reception is on Wednesday, March 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Activists at a trans solidarity rally and march in Washington, D.C. in May 2015. Trump rescinded guidelines regarding the use of bathrooms by transgender people.

The crusade against transgender rights needs to be stopped

By Joseph Konig
Staff Writer

The Republican leadership has long made a habit of going after the weakest of their constituents. In order to rally its base or further its quest for small government, it targets the impoverished, minorities and refugees. But one of its latest focus points has been particularly disturbing: trans youth.

On Tuesday, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines for public schools and transgender students. The new direction would overturn the anti-discrimination protections put in place by the Obama administration that allowed transgender students to use the bathrooms of their gender identity. The coming order will affect mostly public high schools and middle schools. In other words, children are being targeted and bullied by the Trump administration, which is taking away their bodily integrity.

The crusade against transgender rights is in full swing in conservative circles. North Carolina's infamous "bathroom bill," commonly referred to as "HB2," cost the state billions of dollars in business, including the recent NBA All Star Game, which was moved to New Orleans out of protest. North Carolina legislators have failed to replace it, although a bipartisan bill to do so was introduced Tuesday afternoon.

Milo Yiannopoulos, self-proclaimed professional provocateur and recently disgraced Breitbart editor, made opposition to transgender rights one of his key issues. On numerous occasions, he compared the defense of transgender rights to — somewhat ironically given recent events — the defense of pedophilia.

Besides the general abhorrence of making a fellow human being's life as inconvenient as possible, there is the particular despicableness of putting the full weight of the federal government in a battle against transgender youth.

Transgender youths are already suffering. A report issued by the National LGBTQ Task Force showed that 35 percent of K-12 transgender or gender nonconforming students have experienced physical assault at school. After graduation, 26 percent lose their jobs and 20 percent lose housing due to their gender identity. Anywhere from 50-66 percent of transgender people are sexually abused or assaulted in their lives, according to studies cited on the Office for Victims of Crime website. The OVC is part of the Office of Justice Programs within the Department of Justice.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a longtime combatant of LGBTQ rights, is the one pushing for the repeal of the Obama administration's anti-discrimination policies, according to The

New York Times. Besides a very weak advocate in Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who reportedly put up a brief fight before agreeing to support the move, there are no obvious champions of transgender rights in the White House.

Sessions has made one of his first moves as attorney general to target a community of Americans that attempts suicide at nine times the rate of cisgender individuals. Half of transgender individuals suffer from depression or anxiety or both. In comparison, 6.7 percent of the general U.S. population suffers from depression and 18 percent from anxiety.

Politics in America have become increasingly polarized over the last few decades. From Newt Gingrich's rise in the 1990s to the current ascent of Trumpism, there are countless examples of the further radicalization of the American right. For every Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren on the left, on the right there are a dozen Freedom Caucus members in Congress or Sessions acolytes in the White House.

There are many ongoing fights within the Trump administration. More are coming. But this one is important. Like the attempts to ban refugees and deport undocumented immigrants, this is about children. Children who are suffering already.

If those who can fight on behalf of children do not, there will be no stopping Trump and his goons these next four years. Protect trans youth.

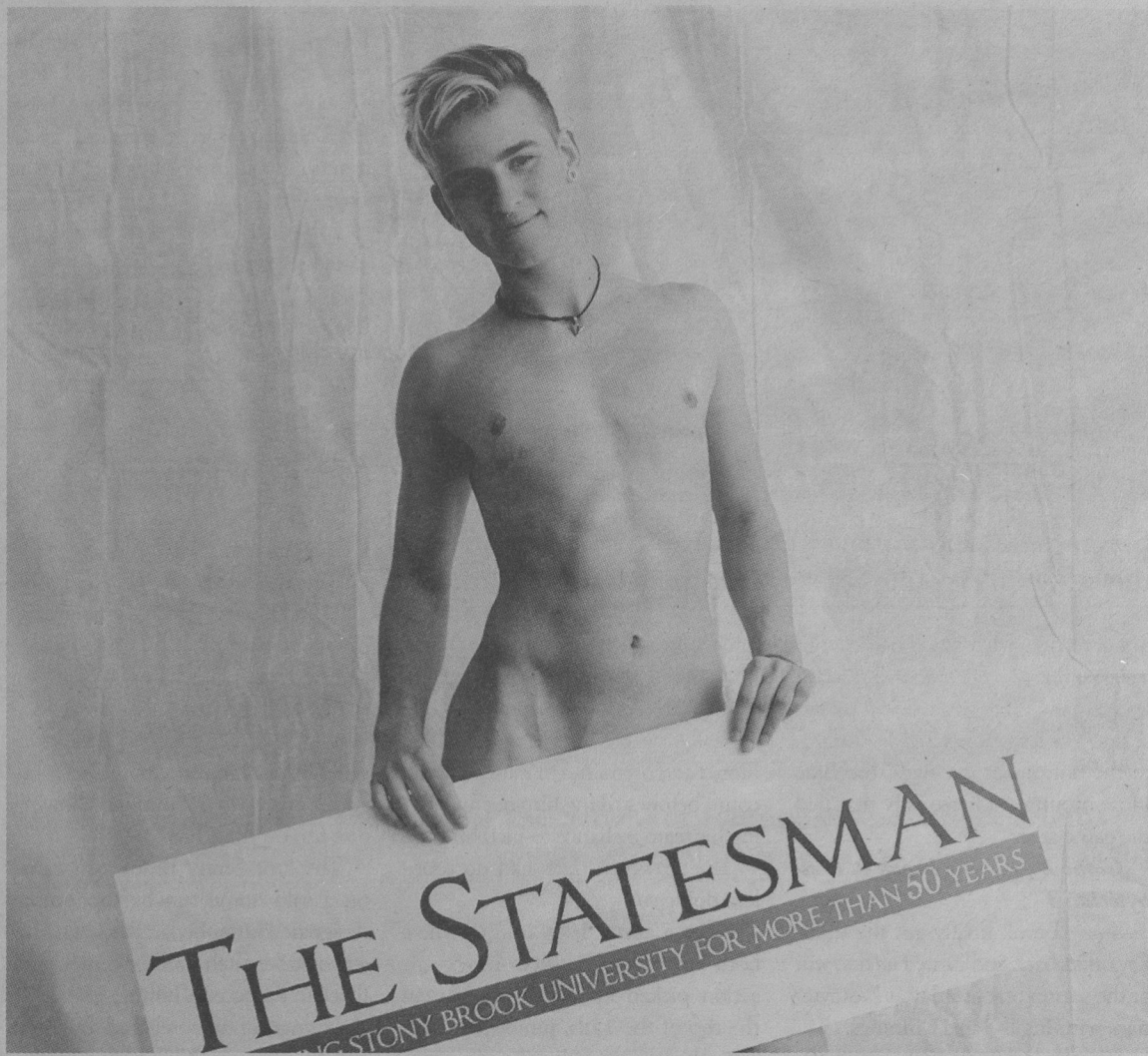
Letter to the editor: Why I modeled for The Statesman Sex Issue

By Derrick Wegner
Contributing Writer

I was interested in modeling for the Sex and Relationships issue of *The Statesman* for many reasons. One was that I love being nearly naked and hanging out with people, having a good time. This just happened to be a good and healthy combination of both of those things. Second, I am a queer, transgender man that loves his body and I want people to see that. I want people to see that people who are transgender can sincerely love their bodies, unconditionally and without question. Even more, I want to show it off.

When I was young, I rarely saw trans representation, especially positively put in the light of sex and relationships. This sends the message to transgender people, and everyone else, that trans people can't have relationships, do not love their bodies and do not have sex outside of porn (not that making porn is bad, by any means).

This leads many transgender people to feel that their bodies are not only unattractive, but that they are undesirable. I want to show them, and everyone else, that all bodies, including trans bodies, are beautiful. So, so beautiful. Trans bodies are not "different" or "strange" whatsoever.



Derrick Wegner posing for the Sex Issue of *The Statesman* in February. Wegner wants to be the representation of transgender men that he did not see growing up.

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They are bodies, beautiful bodies, that take us through these lives we lead.

Furthermore, our genders and sexual orientations are both fully independent of one another.

People seem to forget that, especially concerning trans people. I wanted to pose with another

man to give a clear visual to everyone flipping through this newspaper that a trans man can be with a man, just as a cisgender man can. It is all the same. Any gender, any sex, any number of people can be happy and healthy together. Being transgender does not make that any different.

Finally, sex. Sex is normal and can be a strongly positive part of anyone's life, including trans people. It seems like the general public has a difficult time with the idea of transgender people having sex as it seems "confusing."

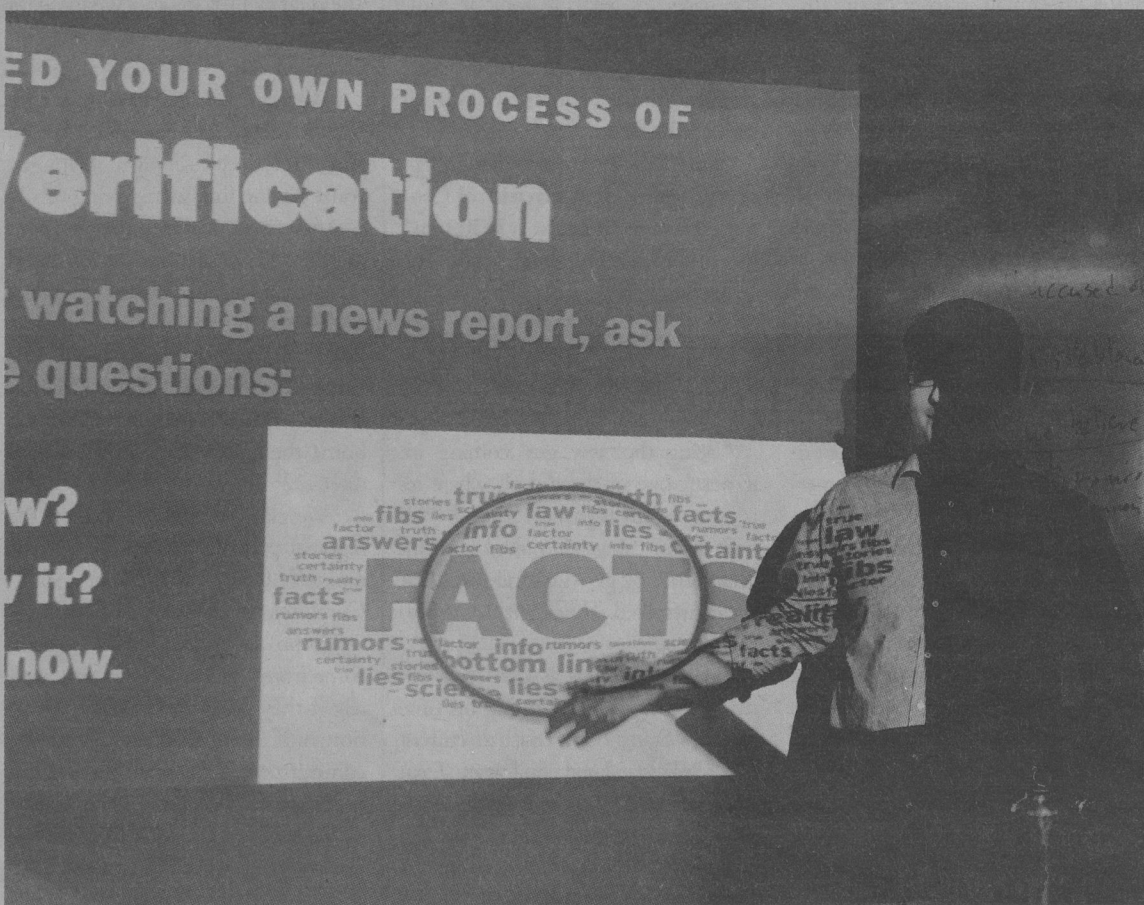
However, I can assure you, it is not. Sex with a trans person is just ... sex. Just like anyone, consent and communication are key to having good sex. There is nothing confusing about that if you ask me.

All in all, I want to be the representation in media that I did not see. I am not perfect and by no means do I represent all trans people. I am not the most diverse person and I do not have all of the answers, but I am me. And I am so proud.

So, for everyone else that is or wants to be proud, do it. Love yourself, every last bit, the best that you can. And if you need some help; I am proud of you and I love you.

All of you.

The importance of news literacy and critical thinking



ANNA CORREA / STATESMAN FILE

Jonathan Anzalone lecturing as part of Stony Brook's News Literacy class. With all the news people consume, it's important to be able to verify information for oneself.

By Andrew Goldstein
Assistant Opinions Editor

It used to be really funny when my friends shared articles from The Onion on their Facebook feeds thinking the stories were real. Everyone would take a turn explaining, no, 42 million people didn't die on Black Friday.

When Brian Williams was suspended from NBC News two years ago for making up combat experiences in Iraq, the satire news site

The Mideast Beast poked fun at the story, with the article "Real News Agencies Slam 'Fake News' Sites for Spreading Inaccuracy."

It's not funny anymore. This past week, the White House barred The New York Times, Politico, CNN and The Los Angeles Times from attending a press briefing held by Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary and communications director. At the Conservative Political Action Conference on Feb. 24, President Don-

ald Trump ranted that the media was dishonest. He said, "I want you to know that we are fighting the fake news. It's fake, phony, fake..." and went on to claim that such news media outlets routinely faked sources. In a tweet on Feb. 17, Trump wrote "The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!"

Since Trump was elected, the American people have heard U.S.

Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway use the term "alternative facts" with regard to Spicer's lie about the attendance at Trump's inauguration. We have also been lied to about "terrorist attacks," such as the Bowling Green Massacre and whatever Trump meant when he recently gave an address in Florida and spoke about some incident in Sweden.

Stony Brook University's Center for News Literacy, and other organizations like it, are teaching essential skills for our age of information and misinformation. It is up to us as a populace to watch our government and our media and to root out the real deceivers.

I took News Literacy my first semester at Stony Brook. The class was meant to teach students how to read news with the right balance of belief and cynicism to differentiate between well-reported and poorly devised news. The first week of the semester we did an exercise to show how much we rely on the news every day. We were told to go half a week without consuming any news and to write about the experience. Students spoke about how truly altered their lives were when they couldn't get external information.

Now there are entire websites dedicated to perpetuating actual false news. The piece I personally saw most often was a picture of Trump from years ago with a quote about running for office as a Republican because "they're the dumbest group of voters." Other widely spread fake news included the idea that Pope Francis endorsed Trump for president,

whatever Pizzagate was and that Hillary Clinton sold weapons to ISIS.

Amid all of this, legitimate news organizations made reports as usual, meaning that they sourced information, possibly got information wrong at times and made corrections.

Trump is no stranger to advocating stories that have been proven false. He's argued that Barack Obama was not born in the United States, that thousands of Muslims were cheering on 9/11 and that vaccinations cause autism.

The Center for News Literacy shares informational slides and videos on its Twitter page on how we can consume news better. It offers courses to college and high school students in the U.S. and abroad that aim to teach people how to better decipher the difference between real and fake news and between objective and subjective reporting. It has resources, cites research and offers online courses for anyone interested.

After completing the news literacy class, I felt comfortable analyzing the validity of individual sources, specific articles, certain journalists and entire news organizations.

The Mideast Beast's motto is "Because all news is satirical" (along with a page emphasizing that the site is meant to be funny but not true). The Washington Post's new motto is "Democracy Dies in Darkness." The New York Times' new ad campaign is titled "The truth is more important now than ever."

The truth is important, and its up to all of us to verify it.

Baseball drops two of three to Presbyterian over weekend

By Nick Zararis
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Baseball played the first three-game series of its season this weekend, winning one of three on the road against Presbyterian. The Seawolves are now 1-5 on the season.

Game 1 — Presbyterian 7, Stony Brook 6

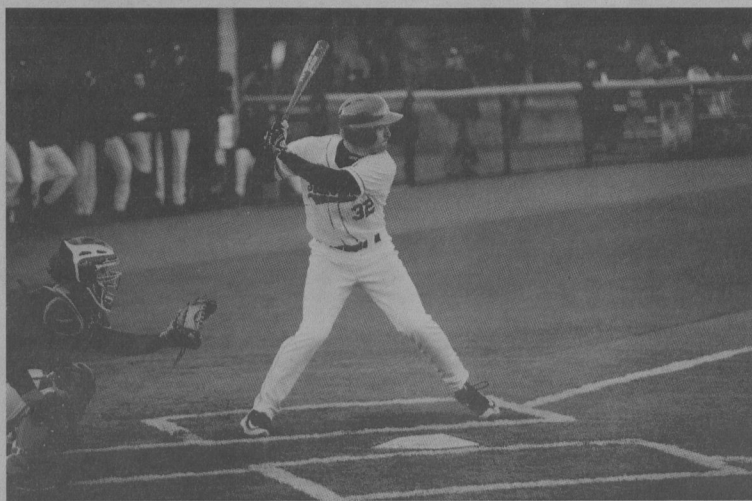
Stony Brook's losing streak stretched to four on Friday, when the team lost, 7-6, in heartbreaking fashion to Presbyterian in Clinton, South Carolina.

It all went wrong in the bottom of the ninth when a leadoff walk came back to bite the Seawolves. Presbyterian senior centerfielder Tyler Weyenberg drew a walk on six pitches battling back from a 1-2 count. Following the walk, senior second baseman Cletis Avery laid down a sacrifice bunt, moving Weyenberg over to second.

With Weyenberg on second, Stony Brook head coach Matt Senk had junior relief pitcher Aaron Pinto issue an intentional walk. With runners on first and second, sophomore first baseman Connor Slagill stepped into the box with a chance to end the game. Slagill hit a ground ball at Seawolves shortstop Jeremy Giles, who couldn't field the ball cleanly, allowing Weyenberg to come all the way around to score the walk-off run on an error.

The Seawolves offense scored more runs Friday than they did in all three games last week combined. Stony Brook showed significant improvement at the plate; the three-run second inning was particularly strong. Senior catcher David Real and sophomore second baseman Brandon Janofsky — the eighth and ninth hitters in the batting order — drove in the runs giving the Seawolves an early 3-1 lead.

Stony Brook starting pitcher Bret Clarke labored hard through 5.2 innings, throwing 90 pitches. Clarke



KRYSTEN MASSA/STATESMAN FILE

Sophomore utility player Dylan Resk waits for a pitch during a 2015 game. Resk hit a home run on Sunday.

did everything that could be asked of a starter. He left the game with a 3-2 lead. After Clarke was relieved by last season's closer, junior Teddy Rodliff, in the bottom of the sixth, the Blue Hose mounted a fierce rally that tied the game at six.

Game 2 — Stony Brook 8, Presbyterian 3

Stony Brook finally got the monkey off its back and earned its first win of the season on Saturday at Presbyterian, winning 8-3 in 11 innings.

Like the first game in the series, the Seawolves were right there in a tight

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game going into the ninth inning. The Seawolves were leading 3-2 going into the bottom of the ninth inning when senior pitcher Cam Stone, returning from a missed 2016 season due to Tommy John surgery, looked to shut the door on the Blue Hose.

But it was not to be. Slagill reached on a single to left and was subsequently pinch-run for by redshirt junior Guy Casaceli. Stone then surrendered a wild pitch, allowing Casaceli to score from second after being bunted over.

There, the Seawolves allowed runs in the ninth inning late in a game for the second straight day. That ninth

inning grew even more tense as the Blue Hose had runners at second and third with two outs, forcing Stone to really dig down. He battled Blue Hose first baseman AJ Priaux to a full count before striking him out and giving his team a chance to pick him up.

The Seawolves' bats had no problem doing so.

After a silent 10th inning where both teams were retired 1-2-3, the action picked up. With one out in the top of the 11th, junior left fielder Andruw Gazzola lined a triple into the gap in left-center field, setting the table for a massive rally. In the top of the 11th inning, the Seawolves scored five runs on three hits, including a two-RBI triple by senior first baseman Casey Baker. Baker tore the cover off the ball, going 3-for-6 with two triples and three RBIs in a dominant performance at the plate.

In his first career start for Stony Brook, freshman pitcher Sam Turcotte put on an impressive display. His pitch count crept high — he was at 89 pitches when he was pulled after 4.2 innings — but only after allowing one run on five hits with an impressive six strikeouts.

Game 3 — Presbyterian 2, Stony Brook 1

In a weekend that finally saw the team's bats come alive, Stony Brook's

rubber match against Presbyterian saw a 2-1 loss in a pitchers duel. The Seawolves had no answers for senior left handed starter Hayden Deal against whom they only mustered a single run.

For as little offense as the team generated, Stony Brook could hang its hat on the brilliant first start of freshman

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pitcher Brian Herrmann's career. Herrmann threw a gem in a losing effort. He went 6.2 innings allowing two runs, one of which was unearned on a fielding error. The freshman made a valiant effort getting as deep as he did in the game on an economical 87 pitches.

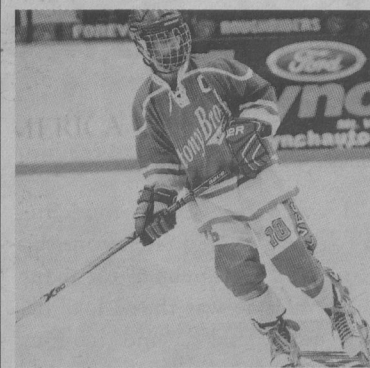
After yesterday's game, which saw the Seawolves' bats carry them to a win and pick up their pitching, they were left confounded by Deal. He struck out 10 in 6.2 innings, allowing one run on three hits.

The lone Stony Brook run came on a solo home run by sophomore designated hitter Dylan Resk, who hit a two-strike pitch over the center-field fence in the second inning.

Herrmann was relieved by right handed junior Nick Montefusco, who came in for the second straight game in relief without allowing a run. Montefusco ran into trouble in the bottom of the eighth when a pair of singles and an intentional walk had the Blue Hose with the bases loaded and two outs.

Luckily for the Seawolves, freshman shortstop Nick Grande was able to play a groundball with the bases loaded. He took it himself to the bag and recorded the force out, ensuring that there would be no rally in the bottom of the eighth.

Stony Brook returns to action this Friday against the University of Central Florida in Orlando at 6:30 p.m., the first of a three-game series. The Seawolves will begin conference play on Mar. 25.



COURTESY OF SBU ROLLER HOCKEY
Justin Corbo pictured at nationals in Cedar Rapids.

Roller Hockey club provides off-ice alternative for lovers of the sport

By Jill Ryan
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook roller hockey club proves that the thrills of fast-paced hockey action do not need ice.

"It's just a good time with good guys," Josh "Bleeb" Oventhal, the treasurer of the club and a senior, said.

Justin Corbo, the captain and president of the club and a senior, encourages everyone to join the club, but playing time is decided by the team's hired coach, former goalie Daniel Snyder.

"Anybody's invited to come down and practice, come play with us, learn the game," Corbo said. "Playing time isn't guaranteed because we are a competitive sports team."

The club's late-night practices — Tuesdays at 11 p.m. and Wednesdays at midnight — are all about fun, Oventhal said.

"We want bodies," Oventhal said. "Come down to practice. Have a good time, and we enjoy it. As long as you're having fun, we're having fun."

After two wins and a forfeit over the Feb. 17 weekend, the club faced off against Yeshiva University in its final game at the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association All-Star Event for the regular season Division II title. With a score of 4-3, they took home the gold with a season record of 16-2.

"We clinched the 1st seed in the regional playoffs [and] a spot at the national championships in April," Corbo said in an email.

Corbo said that many players come from the ice hockey team, usually if they don't get enough playing time or if they can't keep up with the commitment. However, roller is a different sport.

"There is no rule that says you can check," Corbo said. "So there's body contact, like there's physical play, but we can't hit people like in ice hockey. It's more of — I call it an art form."

James Loglisci — the vice president, a former ice hockey player and a senior — said one of the hardest transitions, besides learning how to not check, was stopping.

"Stopping is completely different than ice," Loglisci said. "In roller, it's a controlled slide."

Loglisci has played on ice since he was four. He had heard of the Stony Brook roller team but did not join until Long Beach junior hockey became too much of a time commitment.

"I always bashed roller hockey back when I was playing ice, but I have learned to love it," Loglisci said. "It's a pretty good sport."

Stony Brook is no Ohio State, but Boals adapted seamlessly

By Kunal Kohli
Assistant Sports Editor

When he first stepped foot on Long Island, Stony Brook Men's Basketball head coach Jeff Boals looked to embrace the culture. He took his family to Broadway shows, went to Gilgo Beach and immersed himself in the food, especially enjoying Se-Port Deli.

His Instagram account is as concerned with Long Island as it is with Stony Brook Athletics. His profile is filled with photos of Stony Brook's campus, the beach and New York City.

"I've been in the Midwest pretty much my whole life and never been to Long Island for an extended period of stay," Boals said. "When we first moved here as a family, we tried to do as much as we could with our kids."

His interest in the way of life around where he lives dates back to his Ohio State days, where he was an assistant coach under Thad Matta. At Stony Brook, the culture lies within the surrounding area, but in Columbus, it revolves around the university.

"In Columbus, if you needed something or someone or a restaurant, he was the guy you went to," Aaron Craft, former Ohio State guard, said. "One of the bigger things he did was he immersed himself in the university."

Boals is a players' coach. He uses his experience to help guide players as opposed to forcing a system onto them. After all, Boals helped lead Ohio University to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1994 as a player during his junior season.

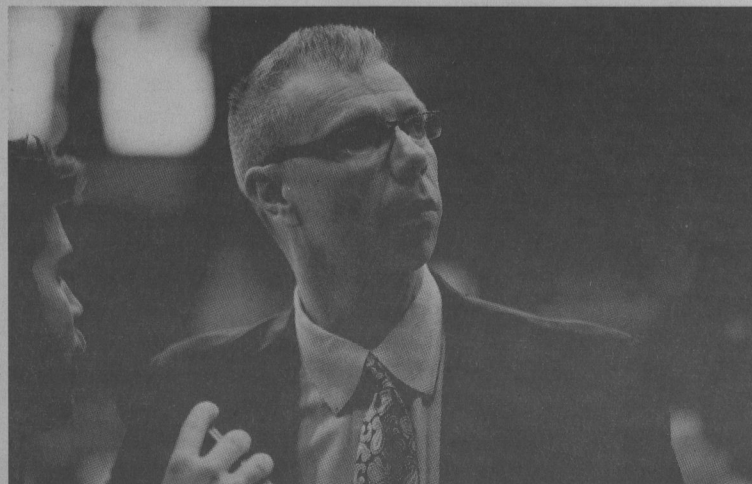
"One of his biggest strengths was just his consistency," Craft said. "If you were in the gym and you heard somebody clapping in the hallway coming into the gym, it was coach. He loved being in the gym. He loved being around us. He loved getting better."

That same belief helped transform

senior guard Lucas Woodhouse from a pass-first point guard into an America East Player of the Year contender. Woodhouse's role with the Seawolves transformed from running the offense and getting the ball into the paint to becoming an aggressive scorer.

"The coaches have been on me to be more aggressive in other ways besides passing, such as scoring," Woodhouse said.

While Boals pushes his players to go beyond their comfort zones, he also makes sure they do not feel forced into anything.



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Head coach Jeff Boals seen giving a halftime interview during a recent home game at Stony Brook University.



COURTESY OF COURTNEY WARDEN

From left: junior Kaylyn Gordon, junior Courtney Warden, senior Christine Eisenberg and senior Christina Melian.

Playoffs set to begin Wednesday as Stony Brook hosts Binghamton

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The point guard was battling an illness that began last week. In Wednesday's loss to UMBC, he failed to score at all and did not play in the second half.

The sharp drop in Woodhouse's production has hurt the Seawolves, who in the last two games recorded their first two losses by double-digits since a Dec. 13 blowout defeat to Hofstra. Over a 10-game stretch from Jan. 8 to Feb. 4, Woodhouse averaged 19.6 points, shooting at least 50 percent in each game.

The Seawolves had trouble guarding Vermont freshman forward Anthony Lamb in the paint. The conference's leading rookie scorer notched 19 points, including 11 in the second half. Two other forwards, senior Darren Payen and junior Payton Henson, also scored in double-figures for the Catamounts.

Stony Brook played Vermont tight for the first 10 minutes, even taking a 19-17 lead with junior guard U.C. Iroegbu's three-pointer with 9:15 left in the first half.

But from there, the home team pulled away. Vermont went on an 18-0 run to go ahead 35-19 and Stony Brook never seriously challenged from that point onward.

Junior forward Roland Nyama had a strong game for Stony Brook with 14 points on 6-for-11 shooting. Redshirt freshman forward Akwasi Yeboah added 11 points off the bench.

Wednesday's game against Binghamton will tip off at 7 p.m. at Island Federal Credit Union Arena. The Seawolves and Bearcats split the pair of games against each other in the regular season, with the home team winning both.

Should the higher-seeded team win all four quarterfinal matchups, then Stony Brook will host third-seeded Albany on Saturday in a rivalry semifinal meeting.

Women's Track finishes second at America East Championships

Seawolves win in six events, 4x800 relay sets conference record

By Skyler Gilbert
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook women's indoor track and field team had its best finish ever at the America East Indoor Championships on Saturday.

The Seawolves won six events, including a pair of wins by junior Kaylyn Gordon, on their way to second place at the Boston University Track Center on Friday and Saturday. The men's team finished seventh.

The women's 4x800-meter relay won with a time of 8:57.93, setting an America East record. The team — sophomore Holly

Manning, junior Tiana Guevara, sophomore Annika Sissan and sophomore Melissa Riback — defeated its closest competition, New Hampshire by nearly nine seconds.

Gordon, the acclaimed Seawolves field star, took victories in the long and triple jumps, leaping 19-feet-2.5-inches and 40-feet-2.75-inches, respectively. She earned Most Outstanding Field Performer and the Coaches Award at the meet, the later of which is selected by the head coaches of the participating teams in the conference.

On the track, junior sprinter Courtney Warden won the 60-meter hurdles. Her time in the preliminary round, 8.51 seconds, set her personal record. Warden had an injury-plagued sophomore season, but found her stride again this year, demon-

strating the hurdling prowess that won a state title in her high school career.

In distance, Sisson and senior Christine Eisenberg each took the crown in their respective events. Sisson, who transferred to Stony Brook this year after competing at Arkansas as a freshman, won the mile by four seconds in a time of 4:48.07.

Eisenberg secured the victory in a tightly-packed 3,000-meter race. She crossed the line with a time of 9:49.76, adding a gold medal to her third-place finish at the America East Cross Country Championships in October.

Across the board, a record number of female athletes placed for Stony Brook in both distance and sprint disciplines.

For the men, sophomore Wayne Williams was the top performer with a blistering 500-me-

ter run. He crossed the line in 1:02.74, setting a new Stony Brook record to come in second place in the event.

Williams also anchored the men's 4x400-meter relay, which finished third. A trio of freshmen — Sean Ideozu, Ahmed Galal and Raymond Gorzela — ran on the relay with Williams, showing the potential for growth in the men's sprint program in the future.

The men's distance team was a bit depleted with injury but some athletes found success. Junior Daniel Connelly and freshman Cameron Avery finished fourth and seventh respectively in the 5,000-meters.

Several Stony Brook athletes attained times that qualify them for IC4A and ECAA Regional Championships, to be held next weekend in Boston.

University Pool awaiting inspection clearance, set to open this semester

By Evelin Mercedes
Contributing Writer

Students around the Stony Brook campus have eagerly anticipated the opening of the renovated pool that has taken years to rebuild, but it is only a matter of time before swimmers are able to rejoice in their new home.

Students can expect the renovated pool to open by the end of this spring semester after renovation and inspection issues have delayed its opening.

Stony Brook Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron assured that University Pool, upon opening, will be open to all students, not just the women's swimming and diving team, which is set to resume competition in the 2017-18 season.

"The main priority is that all students have access and not just the swim team," Heilbron said. "We know this will be a source of pride for our students."

Lifeguard hiring is already ongoing, according to Campus Recreation, to protect the lives of our fellow Seawolves.

The upgraded 75-foot pool has a maximum depth of 13 feet to swim in with a movable floor at the shallow end. Also featured are two one-meter diving boards and one three-meter diving board. The original wooden bleachers have been replaced with new expanded, hard plastic bleachers that match the ones at Pritchard Gymnasium.

Past and present Stony Brook students, especially the women's swimming and diving team alumnae, have been anticipat-

ing its opening since it was originally closed by state officials in 2012 for renovations.

"I'm happy for the future generation of swimmers," Allison Zelnick, class of 2014 swimmer, said. "I would like to provide alumni support in any way I can. It's just a matter of waiting to get called upon."

Zelnick played for the volleyball team after the pool closed.

"The reopening of the pool has been very, very long anticipated, and we have all been waiting patiently for the reopening and team to start up again to continue on the legacy of Coach Dave," fellow team alumna Emily Cheng said, referring to David Alexander, who coached at Stony Brook for 32 seasons before passing away from a battle with cancer in 2012.

The Stony Brook women's swimming and diving team hired Janelle Atkinson, two-time Olympian and former Fairfield men's and women's swimming and diving teams head coach, last week for its head coaching position. A team built from scratch — consisting of freshmen, walk-ons and transfers — will begin competition this fall.

"It's exciting to add a new sport while other universities are cutting their sports," Heilbron said.



COURTESY OF STONY BROOK ATHLETICS

University Pool in 2015 during the renovation project. The pool will open later this spring.

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vs. Binghamton, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Quarterfinals
Sat. Mar 4
vs. UNH, 12 p.m. (at Maine)

Men's Lacrosse

Sat. Mar 4
vs. Fairfield, 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

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LUIS RUIZ DOMINGUEZ / THE STATESMAN

Redshirt freshman forward Akwasi Yeboah dribbles in a game against UMBC. Yeboah scored 11 points Saturday.

Stony Brook concludes regular season with loss at Vermont

By Skyler Gilbert
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's basketball team ended its regular season in Burlington, Vermont on Saturday afternoon, falling to the top-ranked Catamounts, 66-51.

The game was of little consequence, as Stony Brook had already clinched into the No. 2 seed of the America East Playoffs. The loss dropped the team's regular season record to 12-4, the sixth straight year with at least

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a dozen victories in the league. On Wednesday, the Seawolves will host the No. 7 Binghamton Bearcats in the first game of post-season action.

Vermont made history with the win, becoming the first team since Drexel in the 1991-92 season to finish an America East conference schedule undefeated. Drexel now competes in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Senior guard Lucas Woodhouse struggled in the contest for the Seawolves, shooting 1-for-8 from the field, scoring just three points.

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Men's Lacrosse scores in droves at No. 9 Brown

By Tim Oakes
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse made history on Saturday at Stevenson Field in Providence, Rhode Island by tying the team's Division I record of 25 goals in a victory over Brown University. The last time they scored 25 goals was against Wagner in 2000.

Entering the game, Brown was the ninth-ranked team in the country, according to Inside Lacrosse.

The team got off to a strong start against Brown, scoring the game's first eight goals in the first quarter alone. Stony Brook never surrendered its lead and would go on to defeat the Bears, 25-17. Stony Brook remains undefeated and improves its overall record to 3-0.

The victory over the Brown Bears marks the first time Stony Brook has defeated a top ten-ranked team since 2008.

Freshman attackman Cory VanGinhoven got the ball rolling for Stony Brook by scoring three goals in the first quarter. VanGinhoven finished the game with seven goals, the most by a Seawolf in a game this season. The freshman has found himself leading the team with 11 goals just three games into his first collegiate season.

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Senior attackman Ryan Bitzer runs with the ball during a fall scrimmage. Bitzer scored three goals on Saturday.

Brown entered the second quarter down eight goals, but the team mustered a 10-5 run to bring the game to within three goals early in the third quarter. Nine Bears scored during the run including junior forward Ted Ottens, who scored twice during the span. Senior attackman Dylan Molloy — the 2016 NCAA Player of the Year — led the Bears in scoring with four goals.

But the Seawolves attack proved to be too much for the Bears. Stony Brook got back on the saddle following Ottens' second goal of the game in the beginning of the third quarter. The Seawolves went on an 8-3 run, which gave them an eight-goal lead late in the game.

Senior midfielder Alex Corpolongo and freshman attackman Tom Haun both scored two goals during the run to help keep Brown at bay. Senior midfielder Jeff Reh finished with four goals, the second most on Stony Brook, while Corpolongo and Haun both finished with three.

Senior attackman Ryan Bitzer finished the game with three goals, but he also led the team in distributing the ball. Bitzer finished the game with a team-high three assists.

The undefeated Stony Brook team will return home on Saturday for the team's home-opener against Fairfield University. The game begins at 1 p.m.

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