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Roth Regatta named best campus tradition

By Anna Correa
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University was named the winner of the National Association for Campus Activities' 2017 "Your Best Campus Tradition" video competition for its annual Roth Regatta event.

As a reward, the university will be awarded \$1,000 to use toward the tradition, a plaque to commemorate the victory and an opportunity to submit an article to the Campus Activities Programming® magazine.

The monetary award will be used to help the event run more smoothly in terms of efficiency, the number of participants, food costs and keepsake expenses.

"From Dolphy Day at Le Moyne to Dragon Day at Cornell, every campus has its own tradition, but I don't know an event quite like students racing across a pond in cardboard boats just because," Patrick Smith, sophomore political science major, said. Smith serves as the assistant to the vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government.

In addition to the prizes, three university representatives will receive complimentary registration to the 2018 NACA® Convention, where they will present the history, purpose and value of the Roth Regatta tradition.

This year, a twist in the video competition voting process served to encourage an increased votership — people could now vote during the conference and through an online kiosk.

Typically, 2,000 representatives — mostly consisting of professional staff members who work in student activities — attend the national conference. Penny Cothran, director of marketing and communications for NACA, said that Stony Brook came out on top in this year's elections.

"People liked what they saw," Cothran said. "It was a crowd favorite."

What makes Roth Regatta special is its uniqueness and ability to bring together all parts of the campus community.

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Mark Edward Harris: A Wanderluster in Asia is on display now in the Charles B. Wang Center. The exhibition, which opened on March 8, showcases photos from Harris' travels through China, Japan, Iran, India, Myanmar, Nepal and more.

Students test computer science skills at inaugural hackathon

By Taylor Ha
Contributing Writer

More than 100 college students participated in the inaugural Hack@CEWIT, the first hackathon at Stony Brook University's Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, from Feb. 17 to 19.

These students didn't hack computer systems in the traditional sense. Instead, they marshaled their computer science skills toward engineering innovative, useful software.

"You can take a class and

learn about how paint works for years, but if you never actually paint, you're not gonna be an accomplished artist," Jonathan Gottfried, one of the keynote speakers and co-founder of the official student hackathon league, Major League Hacking, said. "That's the same thing for writing software."

Using materials borrowed from CEWIT, the students had 43 hours to produce innovative prototypes of apps and software.

The first-place team that won the \$2,000 grand prize creat-

ed ToiletGo, a web app that uses a hardware system, Wi-Fi, a web server and motion sensors to alert people to where the nearest available public toilet is in real time.

In order for the app to work, a bathroom must have motion sensors placed inside the room. The moment a person walks into that room, a passive infrared (PIR) motion sensor activates and alerts app users. Then, when a person enters an individual stall, an ultrasonic sensor in the stall detects that motion and sends

out another alert, indicating that the stall is occupied. Meanwhile, the dormant sensors in unoccupied stalls indicates to app users that a toilet is available.

The team wants to develop its web app demo — made of cardboard boxes and tape — and software into a functioning mobile app, Hanpeng Jiang, a senior electrical engineering major and one of the four team members, said.

Craft brewery trend continues to spread across Long Island

By Justine Josue and Dara Smith
Staff Writer and Contributing Writer

The newest brewery on Long Island gave public tours for the first time last month, just one day after Gov. Andrew Cuomo publicly endorsed the growth of the craft beverage industry.

However, Po' Boy Brewery in Port Jefferson Station will only hold the title of "Long Island's newest brewery" for about two more months. The Brewers Collective brewery is set to open in Bay Shore this April.

"I don't drink beer often," Cindy Sim, a junior majoring in business marketing and political science, said.



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Breweries specializing in craft beers, like the samples shown above, are bringing job opportunities to New York.

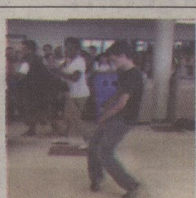
"But I've heard that craft beer tastes a lot better so since this new place is so close, I'd be interested in trying it."

Consumer interest is just one of the driving forces in the expansion of the craft brewing industry. Thirty-two craft beverage stores opened in New York this past year, according to a news release from Cuomo.

"The industry has definitely changed," Mike Philbrick, owner of Port Jeff Brewing Company, said. "When we opened here in 2011, I was the 11th brewery on Long Island that was operating at the time. Now there are almost 37."



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Police Blotter

On Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6:13 p.m., the Radiation Oncology parking lot exit gate was found broken. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 3:52 p.m., damage to the Radiation Oncology parking lot exit gate was reported. The case remains open.

On Thursday, March 2, at 2:25 p.m., a resident at the Long Island State Veterans Home reported an item missing from their room. The case remains open.

On Thursday, March 2, at 2:55 p.m., a watch was stolen from an individual at the Long Island State Veterans Home. The case remains open.

On Thursday, March 2, at 3:44 p.m., a wallet with cash and credit cards was reportedly stolen from an individual at the Long Island State Veterans Home. The case was determined to be unfounded and is closed.

On Friday, March 3, at 12:28 a.m., two males and one female were banging and kicking a glass door at the Hilton Garden Inn

Hotel and harassing a hotel guest. The victim declined to prosecute and the case is now closed.

On Friday, March 3, at 4:16 p.m., a driver was arrested at a traffic stop on Nicolls Road southbound for a suspended license. A stun device and plastic knuckles were also found in the vehicle. The case is closed.

On Friday, March 3, at 9:37 p.m., an arm gate to the Radiation Oncology parking lot entrance was damaged. The case remains open.

On Saturday, March 4, at 9:26 p.m., a broken window frame was reported at Eisenhower College. The case remains open.

On Sunday, March 5, at 2:19 p.m., an individual from the Long Island State Veterans Home reported lost property and missing \$21 in cash. The case remains open.

On Sunday, March 5, at 5:42 p.m., lewd pictures of a Stony Brook student were posted on Instagram without the student's consent. This case remains open.

Compiled by Jill Ryan

Experts say local breweries could help increase revenue for surrounding businesses

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The impact that the alcoholic beverage industry has on other industries may be what makes it so special, Hugo Benitez-Silva, Ph.D., an associate professor of microeconomics at Stony Brook University, said.

"It can involve light manufacturing, like bottling, some of it may be agriculture, and some of it may be services and distribution," Benitez-Silva said. "It's something that shows up in every sector of the economy."

The growing trend of craft breweries on Long Island can also lead to increased employment opportunities.

"Small craft beverage producers have a positive impact on local businesses, directly and indirectly," Adam Ostrowski, Empire State Development spokesperson, said. "Craft beverage producers create jobs, promote greater awareness of New York State-made products, provide a market for raw materials from growers, and encourages tourism."

The craft brewing industry currently employs over 13,000 people in New York, according to a study by the Stonebridge Research Group.

"When I started, there were 120 breweries in the state, and now there are 326, so the growth has been enormous in a lot of ways," Paul Leone, executive director of the New York State Brewers Association, said. "The growth of the industry also means jobs, and all of that is good for the state of New York."

Many craft breweries also use local ingredients, which can contribute to economic stimulation for the surrounding area.

"The local ingredient thing really drives it. That's Cuomo seeing what trend is taking off, and him saying 'What can we do to make this further flourish?' It's just taking off in New York," Max Ocean, who is currently opening Subversive Malt & Brewing, a malt house and brewery in Livingston, N.Y., said.

A 2013 New York state law requires breweries to use a certain percentage of ingredients from local farms.

Until the end of 2018, farm breweries are required to use 20 percent. From January 2019 to December 2023, that number will increase to no less than 60 percent, and by 2024, no less than 90 percent.

"It's an exciting time to be in New York right now," Ocean said. "I

wouldn't want to be anywhere else to make beer."

Breweries can also help surrounding businesses. When a brewery opens, restaurants, hotels and other businesses begin to open in the area as well, Leone said.

"What you want is to have businesses that can promote other businesses, and I think I am one of those people who do that," Bob Rodriguez, president of Po' Boy Brewery, said. "I'm a brewery. I close early. You can come here and drink, then you can go out and eat in the same town that you're visiting."

Even though they have only been open for a few weeks, Po' Boy Brewery already sees regulars and has caught the attention of local craft beer enthusiasts, Rodriguez said.

"The primary draw is that of a flavorful, well-crafted product, sometimes produced locally by people you might know," Eric Grimm, president of Brewers East End Revival, a Long Island homebrew club, said. "It's definitely more of a personal connection with the creator of the product."

Boosts to local spending and a burgeoning beer tourism market will likely sustain the growth of the craft beverage industry on Long Island well into the future, Grimm said.

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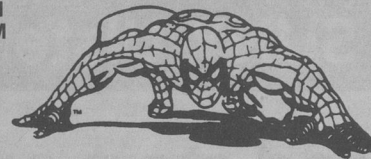
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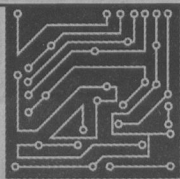
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Campus Spotlight: Student dances his way into internet fame

By David Pepa
Staff Writer

This Stony Brook University student didn't expect to find fame in his high school cafeteria, but after a video of him winning a school dance-off went viral, Kevin Carroll suddenly gained internet stardom.

Before enrolling at Stony Brook, Carroll, now a freshman psychology major, was a student at Yorktown High School in Yorktown Heights, N.Y..

It was the last day of the school year when the dance-off took place.

"I heard over the announcements that there was going to be a workshop for writing college essays," Carroll said.

"I ran over to the cafeteria where there [was] a huge crowd of people and I assumed that they were watching a flash mob but it turned out that it was just

my two friends and they were just fooling around and dancing."

Carroll's interest in dancing was first sparked by watching the animated movie, "Happy Feet." He then began taking tap dancing classes and performing in recitals, but decided to drop out after a year and a half.

"Being the only boy when you're eight in a class full of girls, it's not exactly that appealing," Carroll said.

Carroll then took a break from dancing until he saw a YouTube video of the American popping dancer, Marquese Scott.

Popping involves quick contractions of the body and incorporates rolling movements, according to Carroll.

He started watching all of Scott's videos and once he saw what he could do, Carroll started taking dance classes again in hip-hop, jazz and modern dancing.

When Carroll walked into his high school cafeteria that day and saw his friends in the middle of the crowd, he moved to the center and was pulled in by one of his friends, Josh Green. They started clapping a beat and the dance battle commenced.

"I knew that he had previous dance experience himself and he knew that I had dance experience as well and I was dancing with him because it was one of those spur [of] the moment kind of things," Carroll said.

His friends started shaking their hips jokingly and then Carroll did a move that got the crowd's attention.

"I did a body roll into threading the needle, that's the part where I jump through my leg," Carroll said.

All of the dancing was recorded and posted online by Carroll's friend, Tim Miller. World Star, an entertainment media

outlet, then shared the footage on Twitter.

"When I got home a few hours later, I had five friends that texted me [to let] me know that this is going viral and it got bigger and bigger," Carroll said. "When I saw that I got over a few thousand tweets I was like, 'Oh my god, this is insane.'"

Today, the dance-off video has received over one million views on multiple YouTube accounts and on social media where it has been reposted and shared.

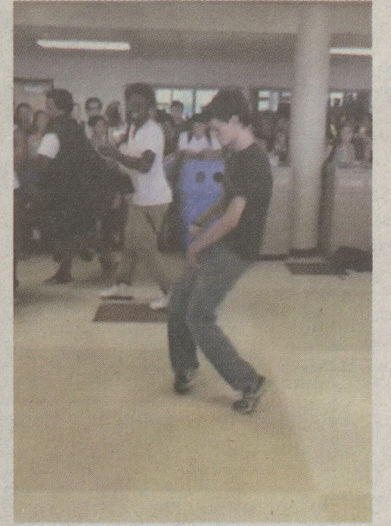
Carroll is now trying to start a new club at Stony Brook called "KINETX" that centers around creating flash mobs around campus.

His e-board has already been put together and Carroll is currently in the process of finding interested dancers.

"It's always been a goal of mine to start a new flash mob," Carroll said.

"I found out that there's no club on campus that has done that so I figured I'd start one."

The high school cafeteria crowd gave Carroll his five seconds of fame, and now he's looking to create crowds of his own.



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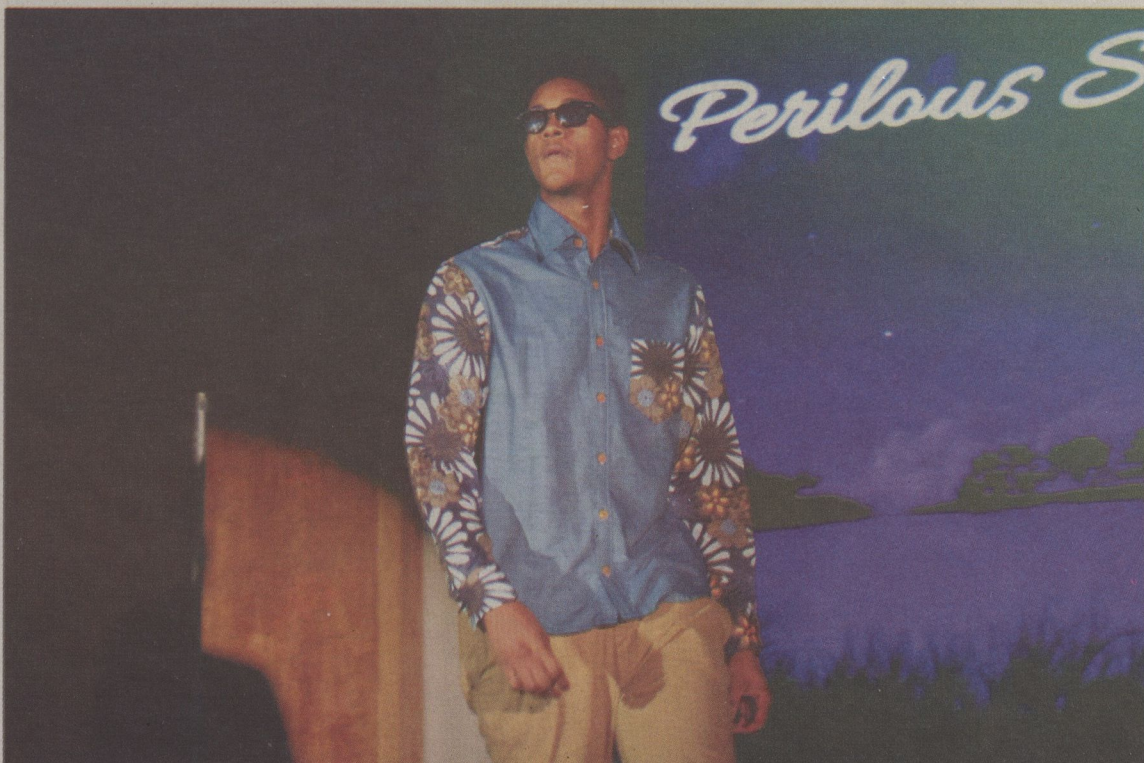
A still from the viral video of Kevin Carroll's dance-off.

The Caribbean Student Organization's Miss CSO Pageant



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The Caribbean Student Organization celebrated its 30th annual fall fashion show "On the Run: Uncharted Isles" in 2015 hosted by Instagram comedian Lorenzo Cromwell.



ARACELY JIMENEZ / STATESMAN FILE

CSO hosts fall fashion shows, above, and spring pageants. Although the organization centers around Caribbean culture, participants do not have to be of Caribbean descent.

By Anamaria Salobo
Contributing Writer

The Caribbean Student Organization is returning with its annual spring Miss CSO Pageant on April 15 in the Student Activities Center as a way to celebrate the Caribbean heritage found in Stony Brook's student body.

About the Organization:

CSO is one of many organizations at Stony Brook that supports the development of smaller communities within the confines of a large campus. It has been celebrating beautiful women from the region's sunny tropical islands since 1988.

"Every fall we have our fashion show and every spring we have our pageant," Kian McKoy, junior journalism major, said. "It's a chance for the girls to get to showcase their country."

About the Participants:

It isn't a requirement for the contestants to be born in the country they're representing. The pageant accepts descendants of Caribbean islands as a way to "give the girls an opportunity to find out more about their country and give them a platform to share that," McKoy said.

About the Judging Process:

The panel of judges is not yet solidified, but CSO Cultural Officer McKoy said, "We are working to invite a former CSO Pageant winner, last year's president and at least one male judge to account for the male perspective."

The Caribbean Student Organization judges these participants "on their poise, smile, posture and altogether congeniality, but we also like to focus on how much cultural relevance they put into it," McKoy said.

Pageant Winners:

Winning the Miss CSO Pageant has a history of leading to greater involvement within the organization. McKoy said she was Miss Jamaica in 2015, then became the public relations officer and is now CSO's cultural officer.



ARACELY JIMENEZ / STATESMAN FILE

The fall fashion shows, above, and spring pageants are a chance for the organization to celebrate Caribbean culture.

ARTSY EVENTS

Tuesday, March 21

Samuel Baron Prize Winners Concert

This concert, which takes place every other year, showcases the winners of the Samuel Baron Prize. Samuel Baron was a founding faculty member of Stony Brook University's Department of Music. Baron was a flutist and conductor. This prize is given in remembrance of him. The concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the Staller Center Recital Hall. Admission to the event is free.

Friday, March 24

They Call Me Q

In a 60-minute performance, one actress will play 13 characters that are inspired by people in her life. "They Call Me Q" centers around Qurrat Ann Kadwani, a woman originally from Bombay who grew up in the Bronx. She will perform at 8 p.m. in the Wang Center Theater. The performance is "laden with heart and humor" and "speaks to the universal search for identity experienced by immigrants of all nationalities," according to the event page. Throughout the performance she will play her parents, teachers and friends who come from varying cultures. General admission is \$20. Student and senior admission is \$10.

Friday, March 24

Staller Film: Jackie

"Jackie" is an R rated film that surrounds the aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy through First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's eyes. Natalie Portman stars as Jackie Kennedy in this movie, directed by Pablo Larraín. It will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Staller Center Main Stage. Tickets are \$10 on the Staller Center's website.

Saturday, March 25

Symphony Orchestra

The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra will be performing at 8 p.m. at the Staller Center Main Stage. This concert, conducted by Glen Cortese, will feature solo violinist and winner of the 2016 Concerto Competition, Brendan Shea. A free lecture will be given by Michael Hershkowitz, the director of Concerts and Community Music Programs at Stony Brook, at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall. The program includes Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, Schumann's Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major ("Rhenish"), and more. Tickets are \$20.



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The Stony Brook Piano Project, the annual concert series, will take place on March 28 at the Staller Center.

Tuesday, March 28

Piano Project

The Stony Brook Piano Project is an annual marathon concert series. Every year, 25 graduate pianists collaborate to create the series composed of solo, four-hand and duo piano music. The pieces are centered on a single theme or group of composers. The performance will begin at 5 p.m. in the Staller Center Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Wednesday March 29

Sriracha

The Wang Center will show "Sriracha," a short documentary tracing the origins of sriracha sauce, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wang Center Theater. There will also be a discussion led by the film's director, Griffin Hammond and Timothy August, Ph.D., an assistant professor of comparative literature. Admission is free.

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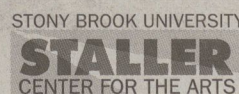
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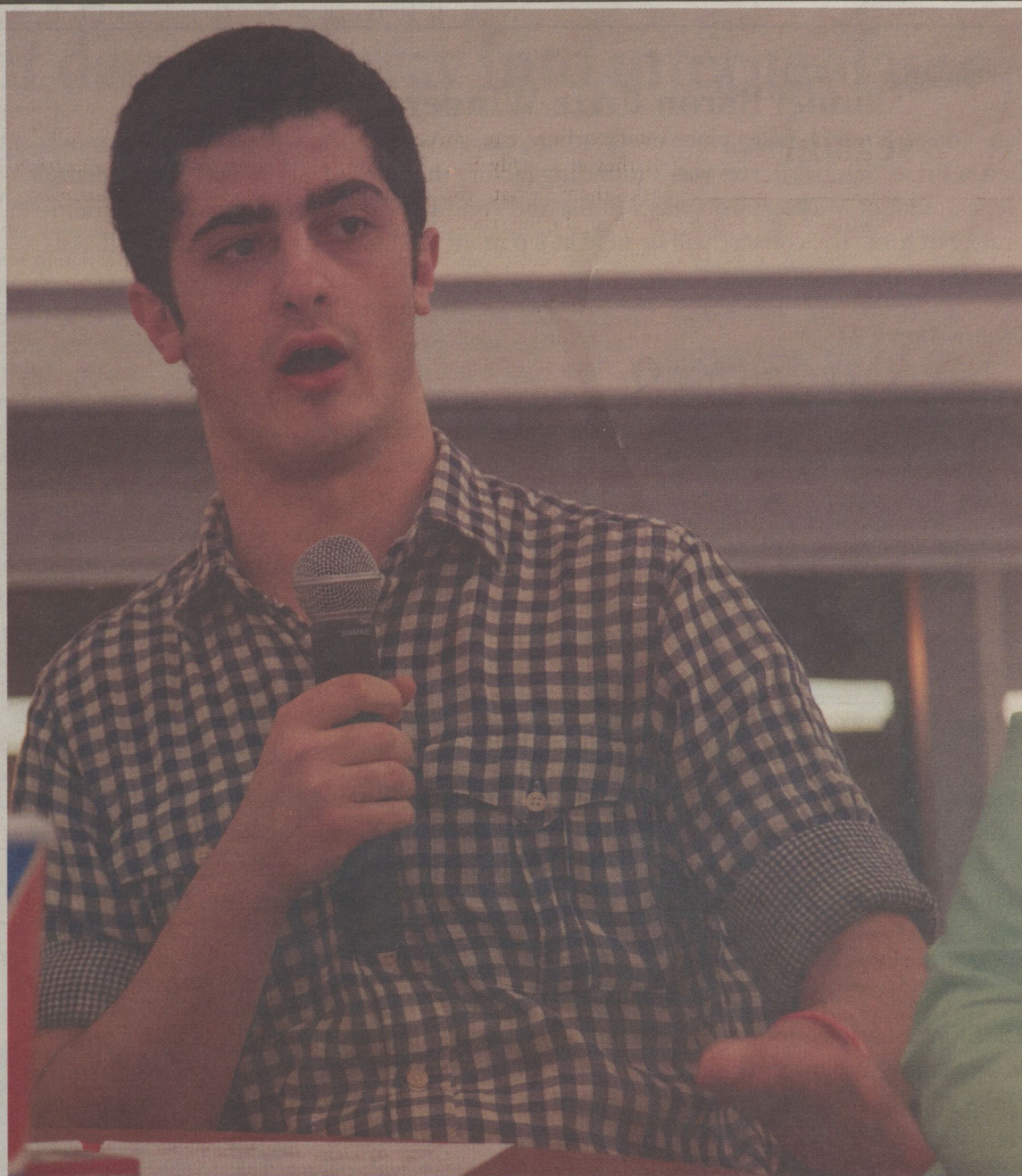
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Maximillian Shaps, the vice president of communications and public relations for Stony Brook University's Undergraduate Student Government, at a debate in spring 2016.

Letter to the Editor: You deserve better student elections

By Maximillian Shaps
Contributing Writer

As we once again near the annual student election, which decides the 30 or so individuals who are entrusted with the responsibility of a \$3.5 million budget (made up of your \$199/year student activity fee), I find it necessary to remind you that your vote does matter.

You may not care about the Undergraduate Student Government. Maybe you're not in any USG-funded clubs, maybe you don't care about the concerts or Wolfieland, maybe you don't enjoy the benefits we've fought to provide the student body, like the 24 hour library. But on principle, you should care about who is entrusted with running the organization that you pay \$199 a year for.

Whether you value it or not, your vote does have power. In the last few years' elections, multiple candidates for executive council positions have won by a margin of fewer than 10 votes. Despite winning by such a small margin, all executive council members and USG senators enjoy tremendous benefits. They are paid above minimum wage in a position with no direct supervisor, they enjoy

campus-wide recognition as the highest representatives of the student body and (because they become officers of a \$3.5 million non-profit organization before the age of 23) it's one of the best resume boosters an undergraduate student can get. When someone runs for one of these positions, more often than not they will say anything necessary to get it.

Candidates think about how critical your vote is when they approach you in dining halls, hallways, classrooms and club meetings. Your vote is priceless to them – they know it can be the difference between winning and losing. At the moment they approach you, they want your vote more than anything else you could possibly have to offer them. It is where your meaningfulness as a human being begins and ends for them. Earning it should not be as simple as handing you a quarter sheet or giving you a 40 second pitch full of empty platitudes and false promises, especially since most candidates will never be seen out speaking to students or pretending that they care once the election is over.

It should be hard to win your vote. You are intelligent, rational and a critical thinker. Despite

this, in every election, without fail, some candidates will take to their platforms and make pandering and impossible promises, hoping that you won't be smart enough to do two minutes of research and inform your vote.

I wish I was exaggerating when I say that there has been at least one candidate promising to "push for air conditioning in all residence halls" in every single election during my time at Stony Brook, when it is a logistical impossibility that air conditioning will be installed in every residence hall.

In other recent elections, candidates have promised to bring a Chipotle Mexican Grill to campus, reduce the cost of textbooks, prevent professors from assigning textbooks of their own writing, strengthen students' abilities to get full time jobs after graduation (like we don't have a Career Center) and even get rid of the "wind tunnel effect" between the library and the Chemistry Building (I really do wish I was joking).

Hollow and impossible promises like these actively disrespect your intelligence and reduce the value of dialogue in the election.

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Empty candidate promises taint USG election season

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They appeal to those who don't know anything about USG and don't care, so when these promises go unfulfilled, there's no backlash and no accountability. Future candidates then see that it is acceptable to lie to and manipulate their fellow students, and the cycle begins again the next year.

I implore all students who decide to fill out a ballot this month to respect their vote and understand its power. Spend a few minutes looking over the USG website if you aren't familiar with its mission. Read election guides and candidates' platform statements and question each one for its feasibility.

Most importantly, talk to the candidates themselves. One is likely to approach you at some point over the 2-3 weeks of the election process. If they don't, you can normally find a few of them in the SAC lobby at any time during the day. Grill them.

Ask them what makes them qualified and why they deserve your vote. If their platform and ideas are unrealistic, call them out on it and ask them to outline their non-existent plan to achieve their impossible goals. If they've already been in USG, ask them what they accomplished during their first term that makes them deserving of a second one, then ask them why they didn't accomplish the goals in their current platform during their first term when they had the chance to do so.

If questioning a candidate makes them uncomfortable, good. Having been in USG for two years, I know that the stress and discomfort of campaigning is nothing compared to the actual challenges of the job. The ideal USG candidate will be excited at the opportunity to have their ideas challenged. Any candidate who avoids criticism or questioning is doing you a favor: they're showing you that they don't respect their own ideas enough to deserve your vote for them.

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Your vote is the only thing you have to ensure USG works. Don't let anyone trick you out of it.

The Onion Bagel: Spring breakers return from Cancun 'enlightened' and 'worldly'

By Emily Benson
Opinions Editor

The Onion Bagel is a satirical column for The Statesman

After a week of partying in Cancun and Mexico City, Stony Brook students say they're returning to campus with a more enlightened and mature view of the world from their traveling experiences.

"Staying a week in Mexico really helped me to understand the plight that the people here are facing," Chad, a junior business major and Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity brother, said. "I couldn't see much from our resort and I was blackout drunk most of the time, but just being in the country made me feel like I was really connecting with the natives."

A majority of students stayed at the Grand Oasis resort in Cancun, known for its daily beach parties, swim up bars and close vicinity to expensive night clubs. The popular spring break destination attracts students from numerous colleges each year who come to see the historic wonders that Mexico has to offer.

Becky, a senior biology major and sister in Theta Sigma Alpha sorority, said the trip gave her an opportunity to meet a variety of people she otherwise wouldn't have. "I met so many people on this trip from various parts of the world, it was so cultivating. It was actually a lot of students from Rutgers, SUNY Cortland, UAlbany and SUNY Oswego... but I met someone from Britain and she was so sweet."

A number of students called the vacation "life-changing" and "inspirational." Brad, a junior computer science major, plans to add a Hispanic studies minor after his vacation in Cancun.

"It really opened my eyes to the world around me," Brad said.

The trip comes at a relevant time to American college students as tensions run high between the United States and Mexico because of President Trump's border wall plans. Bret, a senior history major, said that while the trip helped him get a better understanding of the political situation at hand between the two countries, he was ready to return to New York.

"I've been drinking tequila for five days straight," Bret said. "I love this place but it's trying to kill me, which makes me think I understand the wall now."



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Students relaxing on Playa Norte, a local beach in Isla Mujeres just off the coast of Cancun, Mexico in 2008.

Yes, women's rights include those of trans women too



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Activists at a trans solidarity rally and march in Washington, D.C. in May 2015. Recently there has been discussion of if trans women share similar plights with cis women.

By Genie Ruzicka
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In a recent interview, noted feminist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie discussed trans women and how she thinks they relate to the feminist movement. Discouragingly, she made the statement that "trans-women are trans-women" and believes they can't relate to the struggles that cis women face because they grew up with male privilege. As a cis woman, I wholeheartedly disagree with this statement. However, I am not here to critique Adichie, but rather

to address the problem with not considering trans women as women.

The problem with separating trans women from women is that it further divides people who are marginalized by patriarchy. Trans women do not have male privilege. It is not a privilege to feel like you need to live a lie to navigate society free from violence. Separating trans women from cisgender women isolates them, making them even more vulnerable to violence.

If we see trans women as women, we can start to see trans women's rights as women's rights. One

of my best friends, Luna Vasquez, is a trans woman. She brought up the benefits of including trans women's rights under the larger umbrella of women's rights. "Understanding trans women better and including them in the movement means less societal violence against us and greater resources for us when we do face violence," Luna said.

This is an important point. Trans women, especially trans women of color, face violence at disproportionate rates. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 72 percent of victims of hate-violence

homicides in 2013 were transgender women. Imagine if the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 included trans women and allocated services specifically for them. Luna also mentioned to me the failure of services that help victims of domestic violence and homelessness: "Trans women are excluded from domestic violence shelters on the basis of their sex assigned at birth. This takes the most vulnerable population of abuse survivors and makes them even more vulnerable."

If trans women were seen by society as women, these services would be readily accessible and available, reducing the enormously high rates of violence trans women face. They would have more access to the resources other rape and domestic violence survivors (namely, cis women) have. They could access rape-crisis counselors, medical attention, and counseling, among other resources without fear of further victimization or criminalization.

Transphobia and transmisogyny (hatred toward trans women specifically) puts trans women at risk for family and partner rejection, as well as loss or lack of employment. Trans women face high rates of homelessness, which causes many to engage in sex work just to survive.

The criminalization of prostitution adds to the marginalization of trans women. Since it is law that prisoners are housed with the gender they were assigned at birth, trans women are housed in male prisons. According to a California study, 59 percent of trans women housed in men's prisons

reported sexual abuse by another prisoner, not to mention by prison employees.

If we saw trans women as women, we would fight for them as if we wanted them to be equal citizens (like we do for cis women). But imagine if people fought for the decriminalization of prostitution as they did for the decriminalization of abortion.

Imagine if people fought for health services vital to trans women. According to Luna, some of these services include gender affirmation surgeries and hormone therapy without gatekeeping or having to prove "you're trans enough" to the therapist that signs off on your treatment. It also includes reproductive services, such as sperm harvesting and preserving, or getting regular health checks without the fear of misgendering. Imagine if people fought for these rights as fiercely as they did for the preservation of Planned Parenthood (which does offer some of the aforementioned services).

But imagine, most of all, if we listened to trans women – if we centered on trans women in women's rights and feminist movements. Luna believes this is the only solution.

"I don't think feminism can be legit or actualized without trans women and our issues fought for," she said. Feminism that doesn't include trans women or centers their voices actively harms them (this is also called Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminism, or TERF, and has a long, harmful history). "Ignoring us the way [feminist and women's rights movements] have been is killing us," Luna said.

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Baseball takes two of three in series at UC Santa Barbara

By Nick Zararis
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook baseball team won one of three games during a west-coast series against UC Santa Barbara over the weekend. The Seawolves now have a 5-12 record this season.

Game 1: UCSB 12, Stony Brook 4

In game one of its California road trip, the Stony Brook baseball team got roughed up early and was never able to recover after UC Santa Barbara scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning on sophomore righthander Brett Clarke.

With the Seawolves playing catch up for the entirety of the game, Clarke was left in the game to eat innings and avoid taxing the bullpen in the opening game of a series. After UCSB plated seven runs on five hits in the first inning, Clarke settled in and slogged through five innings and picked up a season-high five strikeouts on the day.

Stony Brook's offense mustered up one solid inning, the top of the sixth, which was kicked off with a homerun off the bat of senior first baseman Casey Baker, his first of the season and one of his three hits on the afternoon. After Baker went yard, freshmen shortstop Nick Grande and right fielder Chris Hamilton reached base on a walk and hit by pitch, respectively. A two-run double



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Senior first baseman Casey Baker takes an at-bat in a 2016 game against Maine. Baker hit a home run Friday.

down the right field line by sophomore catcher Sean Buckhout followed, putting the Seawolves within three runs.

At 7-4, the game was close, but in the bottom of the eighth, UCSB battered junior left hander Kevin Kernan to the tune of five more runs establishing a 12-4 score, one that would stand for the remainder of the game.

Game 2: UCSB 8, Stony Brook 5

The Seawolves fell behind big again in the first inning of series' second game, but they were able to scrape back into the game, only to eventually fall by three runs.

Freshman left hander Sam Turcotte had a rough outing, giving up seven runs in total and only making it through two and a third innings. What kept the game manageable was the stellar work out of the bullpen by juniors Nick Montefusco and Teddy Rodliff, who in five and two-thirds innings only surrendered a combined one run.

At the plate, senior centerfielder Toby Handley, who reached base safely in all five at bats, including a triple that drove in a run in the seventh inning, led Stony Brook. Senior third baseman Jeremy Giles also had a solid offensive outing, going two for four and driving in a run.

Game 3: Stony Brook 7, UCSB 0

On Sunday, the Seawolves picked up a win, avoiding a sweep in California and securing head coach Matt Senk's 750th win with the Stony Brook baseball program.

All weekend long, Stony Brook's pitching had hindered its chances of winning, but freshman right hander Brian Herrmann took the mound and handed the team a solid performance on the hill. Herrmann went 5 innings without surrendering a run, while the bullpen preserved the shutout.

Unlike the first two games of the series, the Seawolves' bats were quite alive. Senior catcher David Real kicked off scoring with a double that scored Baker in the top of the third. A pair of two-run home runs via freshman designated hitter Michael Wilson and Handley effectively put the game out of reach.

With a score of 7-0 going into the bottom of the ninth, junior right hander Aaron Pinto was summoned to close out the game and did so after surrendering a single hit.

Looking ahead

The Stony Brook baseball team stands at 5-12 and will resume action Tuesday against Manhattan College at Joe Nathan Field at 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming SBU Sports Schedule

Baseball

Tues. March 21
3:30 p.m. vs. Manhattan

Sat.-Sun. March 25-26
Three games vs. Hartford

Softball

Wed. March 22
2 p.m. vs. Monmouth

Thurs. March 23
2:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart

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Men's Lacrosse

Tues. March 21
7 p.m. at Hofstra

Sun. March 26
1 p.m. at Hartford

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SPORTS

Freshmen attackers VanGinhoven, Haun lead way for men's lacrosse team

By Raphael Tafuro
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's lacrosse team has struck freshman gold in the 2017 season, as two first-year attackers sit among the top of the scoring leaders for the Seawolves.

Head coach Jim Nagle had big shoes to fill after losing two senior attackers — Matt Schultz and Brody Eastwood — who combined for 105 points last season.

Freshman attackman Cory VanGinhoven has been the shining star on Stony Brook's offense, as he ranks second on the team in goals with 13. Freshman attackman Tom Haun sits at third in scoring on the team with 11 goals.

VanGinhoven scored seven goals against Brown earlier this season, assisting his team to its second victory against a top-10 ranked opponent in program history.

Nagle compared VanGinhoven, who is off to a sensational start early in his young career, to Eastwood, Stony Brook's all-time scoring leader, who had a team-high 44 goals during his freshman campaign.

"We just lost Brody Eastwood," Nagle said. "He did that when he was a freshman. We needed someone to fill both Eastwood and Schultz's shoes and [Haun and VanGinhoven



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Freshman attackman Tom Haun carries the ball in a game against Fairfield on March 4 at LaValle Stadium.

are] doing a nice job of filling that role."

Neither player expected to play much this year, let alone play as well as they are this early on in their careers.

"Coming in as a freshman, you never know if you're going to play or get any time at all," Haun, a Sagem, NY native, said. "So you just have to be grateful for that, I was just coming into practice and trying to play hard every day and hoped for the best."

"I came in and I was just trying to get on the field and play within the system," VanGinhoven said. "Keep my fundamentals and listen to what coach was saying and just try and help the team out any

way I could whether I was playing or not."

Nagle is not surprised by the way his freshman class has been performing; he knew what he had from the get-go. Nagle believes that the freshmen success is in large part due to tutelage from veterans who have assisted the newcomers.

"We knew he had a good freshman class, and they're proving it," Nagle said. "They're doing great I think largely in part to our senior leadership. They're really doing a great job with those guys and encouraging them and supporting them. In turn, they have really done what the seniors have been asking them to do."

Senior attackman Ryan Bitzer, one of the team's captains, has prided himself on showing the freshmen the ropes of what it takes to be a successful player in the collegiate world.

"[I'm] just trying to be the older brother kind of figure," Bitzer said. "Just talking them through some specific situations and being there when things aren't going right and just trying to help them learn the game. I'm just assisting them right now. They're finishing for me so they're helping me out too, in that aspect."

Bitzer leads the team in assists, recording 10 on the season with five of those dimes heading the way of VanGinhoven or Haun.

"You can see early on in the season they're already producing," Bitzer said. "So teams are going to be aware of that and that's going to open up some other guys. It's rare you see freshmen open up all of their guys but that's something that they're capable of."

The star freshmen claim that they owe their success to the system that Nagle has put in place for the young athletes.

"We're just playing within the system," Haun said. "On any given day, anyone can have five goals. I mean Cory had seven the other day, that was ridiculous. But we're just playing in the system and everyone's just working hard. We don't really have that one guy that's going to score all the goals."

Leading the team in goals is a major accomplishment for VanGinhoven, but the North Carolina native is more focused on bringing championship trophies to Stony Brook this season.

"Stats I don't really care about," VanGinhoven said. "Whatever happens, the main goal for the team is to win the America East and then after that is the national championship, we're just trying to go for it all."

Coming from a high school that had an inexperienced coach in place, the transition to a college level was like no other for VanGinhoven.

"It's been a big change," VanGinhoven said. "Lacrosse was the smallest sport. We didn't even have a bus to go to the games, we had to drive ourselves to the games. In my high school, there was like three guys, my goalie, myself and another attackman and we honestly had to coach the team ourselves."

It was through his travel team, Team Carolina, that VanGinhoven was able to develop his skills to the fullest. The freshman duo came to Stony Brook not knowing if they would even touch the field. They currently have a combined 22 goals and share one common objective in mind.

"Just to win the America East Championship," Haun said. "I could care less about scoring as long as our team is winning."

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