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Students stand in line for the ferris wheel at Wolfieland on Sept. 15, 2018. The carnival is an annual tradition at Stony Brook University and is funded by the Undergraduate Student Government.

Wolfieland brings fun and games to SBU campus

By Luis Ruiz Dominguez and Alisha Hegde
Managing Editor and Contributing Writer

Instead of cars, the Student Activities Center parking lot was filled with festival rides on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the Undergraduate Student Government's (USG) third annual Wolfieland Carnival.

For the first time ever, USG charged for admission. The price of a ticket started at \$3 and went

up to \$5 if you purchased one the day of.

"For this year we wanted it to be ticketed because we wanted to make a revenue so that way we can put it back in the budget and then give it to more events on campus," Adrian Ortega, USG treasurer and junior computer science major, said.

USG spent \$100,000 on the carnival. Students who paid for a ticket could take unlimited turns on four different rides including a ferris wheel

and swing ride. Access to classic carnival games such as darts and ring toss was included in the price of admission as well. There were also multiple blow-up attractions, including a rock-climbing wall from sponsor Coca-Cola.

Hungry attendees could pick from a variety of different food vendors. Most of the vendors, including Jamaican Cafe, Kona shaved ice, Aji and Picante Tex-Mex only accepted cash or card. Bubble tea truck, Chatime, accepted Wolfe Wallet,

and CulinArt had a booth where students could use Wolfe Wallet or dining dollars.

Last year, 6,000 people attended the event. In comparison only 2,400 tickets were sold this year, according to Ortega.

In response to the admission charge, USG replied to students' concerns via Instagram.

"While we know this event has been free for the 2 years that is has

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Stony Brook University honors the memory of 9/11 victims

By Gurnoor Kohli
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association held a memorial ceremony on the Academic Mall on Tuesday, Sept. 11, to honor the members of the Stony Brook community who were killed in the 2001 9/11 attacks.

The event was held to promote the "most basic ideals of freedom and equality," as explained by the invitation sent to the entire campus community via campus announcements.

The ceremony began at 8:46 a.m. with the tolling of the campus bell 21 times, inviting students, faculty and staff to partake in a moment of silence. That time was chosen to mark the precise moment 17 years ago when the

first plane flew into the World Trade Center's North Tower. The 21 bell chimes symbolized the 21 alumni who lost their lives during the attacks.

The Alumni Association handed out pinwheels with American flag print for passersby to plant in the small grassy patch between the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library and the Student Activities Center.

Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Janet Masini, explained that the ceremony has changed over the years from a formal event to a simple pinwheel garden, which was introduced five years ago.

"We do think it turns out to be this beautiful memorial that our entire community has contributed to," Masini said, explaining



IRINI ORIHUELA/THE STATESMAN

A student places a pinwheel on the grass patch between the Melville Library and the Student Activities Center.

how she thought the memorial was deep in its simplicity. "We want to honor them, we want to

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SUNY professors sign new contract

By Gary Ghayrat
Assistant News Editor

United University Professions (UUP), the union that represents academic and professional faculty across the SUNY campuses, ratified a new six-year contract, according to a press release from Sept. 5.

The retroactive contract comes more than two years after the last one expired in July 2016.

UUP West Campus Chapter President Kevin Moriarty said in March that infrequent meetings between the union and SUNY top negotiators and the state's inability to concede on certain measures regarding pay raises had delayed the ratification of a new contract.

Members of UUP, including Stony Brook chapter members, marched across SUNY campuses to demand a contract in March.

"Our members, including many from Stony Brook, spoke loudly that this fair and equitable agreement is one that they strongly support," UUP President Fred Kowal wrote in an email statement. "It's a contract we worked hard for, and one that our members deserve. We are very pleased by the overwhelming support of the contract by our members."

The contract was approved by 14,582 members, or 98 percent of the eligible voters that cast ballots, according to the release. Some of the contract terms included a two percent salary increase every year, coverage under New York State's Paid Family Leave Law and a minimum salary for part-time academics.

"At a time when organized labor is under attack like never before in America, UUP members stepped up in record numbers and voted for our new contract," Kowal said in the release, referring to the Supreme Court's recent decision which states that unions cannot force non-members to pay an agency fee for the union's services.

"This ratification vote comes just months after the Janus decision, which so many corporate CEOs and ultra-rich union-busters saw as the beginning of the end of organized labor," Kowal wrote. "This shows that UUP members at Stony Brook and across the state are dedicated to their union, and that UUP is stronger than ever."



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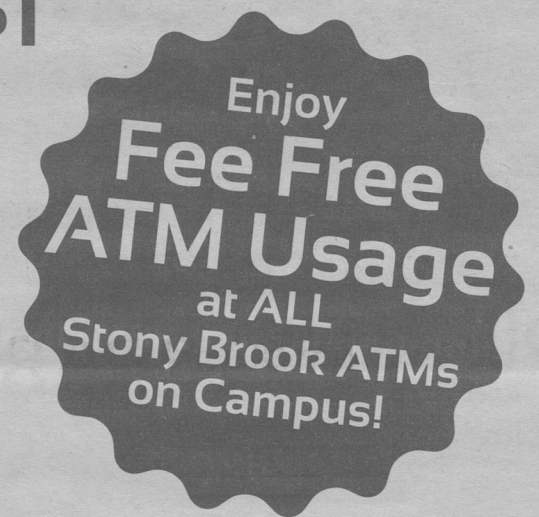


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NEWS

Stony Brook University receives \$25M for a new engineering building

By Joe McQueen
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University has secured \$25 million to be put toward a new \$100 million engineering building, according to an Aug. 16 press release.

The announcement came from State Senators John Flanagan and Kenneth LaValle, who both helped to secure part of the funding that will go toward the 100,000-square foot building.

The building will include classrooms and labs along with modern day equipment and manufacturing shop spaces.

"This funding will help bolster the academic pursuits of the young men and women who come to Long Island to study while helping improve our economic climate," Flanagan stated in the press release. "By creating the facilities needed to attract these talented young people and by providing them with the education they need to work and stay here, this new facility will help foster a brighter future for them and for our region."

Although Stony Brook has received \$25 million, the university still needs another \$75 million in order to begin planning the design and construction. "We still have to get more money from both the state and private donors," Director of Capital Planning, John Fogarty, said.

Stony Brook is one of the major producers of engineering grad-

uates within the SUNY system, according to enrollment data on SUNY's website. The number of students enrolled in the university's engineering program has seen a 60 percent increase in five years, according to the press release.

"As an engineering innovation and design center, our new facility will be designed to provide students with the tools and experiences to become tomorrow's global leaders," Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Fotis Sotiropoulos, stated in the release. "We envision the facility will foster experiential learning and entrepreneurship, and serve as the headquarters for partnerships between students, faculty and industry."

The new engineering building follows the goals highlighted in the 2013 Facility Master Plan. It provides guidelines for how to improve facilities on campus while improving programs in both academics and research between 2013-2023.

"The administrators identified this as a top priority along with other initiatives in which its goal was to replace the old facilities with new ones," Fogarty said. He added that the university has been trying for years to get funding from New York State, which included an application process, where the state then was awarded a grant.

The funding for this upcoming project came from the State and Municipal Facilities Program, which



ARACELY JIMENEZ/STATESMAN FILE

Students gather outside the Heavy Engineering Building. The new engineering building, which will cost \$100 million, has a projected finish date in 2022.

provides funding for capital projects for both state and local entities.

Students in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, viewed the news about the building as a positive sign.

"I think it will be really great because many engineering classes here at the heavy engineering building are crowded, it takes students more time to get to classes in another building, so having a brand new building will be very efficient," Amr Ibrahim, a sophomore biomedical engineering major, said.

While Stony Brook is planning to move forward with building new facilities, there are existing buildings that are outdated. Buildings like Physics and Life Sciences that were built in the 1970s and haven't undergone any major renovations since.

"Older buildings have 'embodied energy,' which is valuable in and of itself, so there are clear advantages to retrofitting older structures to operate more efficiently," Elizabeth Hewitt, an assistant professor in the department of technology and soci-

ety who teaches a course on energy and buildings, said. "Less raw material is needed, less waste is generated, and less transportation of materials to/from a project site is necessary."

Right now, there is no official date to begin construction due to ongoing planning and the need for additional funding. "It takes up to one year of planning the design because of hiring architects and engineers, then it takes up to 2 years to construct so you're looking at a three and half year window," Fogarty said.

"We want to remember them"

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remember them and we want to respect their memory."

Junior political science major and President of the Stony Brook College Democrats, Cecelia Masselli, was one of the many people who stopped to pay her respects.

"I think it is important to remember," Masselli said. "I think that, too often, we forget history and this is still pretty recent history. We see many things to remember 9/11 now, and I hope that we will continue to do the same in the future."

Though many students were too young to remember that day in detail, for journalism assistant professor Karen Masterson — who was working as a journalist in Washington D.C. at the time — 9/11 is still fresh in her memory.

"I used to take the highway from Arlington to D.C. when I was working there," she said. "I was driving to work when I saw this thick black smoke, and I had no idea what was going on. Then, my editor called me and asked me to pack my bags to go to New York. I was on the road when the plane hit the Pentagon. I was pulling my car over when I got a call saying I need to get to the White House because it was possible that it could get hit any moment. So, I went, and I was so focused on being a reporter that

I did not realise the risk I was taking by going there."

Over 400 pinwheels were planted according to volunteers from the Alumni Association. By the end of the event at 2:30 p.m., the patch on the Academic Mall was almost filled with flag-printed pinwheels.

"I was driving to work when I saw this thick black smoke, and I had no idea what was going on."

-Karen Masterson
Journalism Assistant Professor

"I think it's good to make a statement on campus for people to remember what a horrible time it was." Jessica Caliendo, a freshman undecided major, said. "People walk by and they remember what it was like to be there if they were there and if not, it kind of just plants that significance in their minds. This way, we will never forget. It's beautiful."

USG hosts third annual Wolfieland event

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existed, we felt charging a small fee would allow us to do more for all students (i.e. raffle prizes, more games, a better quality carnival, and better artists for the concerts)."

"As they were free in year's past, I don't think it's necessary that they should be charging this year," Sam McGarry, a freshman undeclared major, said.

Even with the cost, many students maintained a positive

outlook.

"I'm really excited for the environment. It's going to be busy with a lot of people and I think that seeing that will be really cool," freshman astronomy major Stephen Berg said.

This year's carnival had less rides than in previous years, but there were also more games and attractions. USG Vice President of Student Life Kojo Dansoh said including more games would prevent long lines, but some students said they still had to deal with considerable wait times.

"For most rides I was waiting

about 15 to 20 minutes, sometimes 30, depending on the ride," sophomore biology major Nick Rutig said.

When asked about future events such as Back to the Brook, Dansoh said he couldn't speak on the topic but something's going to be revealed in the upcoming weeks.

"In the next coming weeks something's going to come out where students will have the opportunity to see what we're going to do and our plan for the year so we are trying to keep that suspense and hype for students."



Students compete to see who can score the most baskets at an inflatable basketball attraction featured at the third annual Wolfieland Carnival.

ARTS & CULTURE

"The Nun" starts horror movie season with a scream

By Emily Clute
Contributing Writer

Whether you're clinging to the last few days of summer or clutching your pumpkin spice latte in excitement for the upcoming season, there's no denying that fall is coming and with the fall comes a time-honored, seasonal tradition — horror movies.

The fifth installment in "The Conjuring" franchise opened last weekend to a staggering \$53.5 million in North America alone, coming in second behind the thriller, "It" (2017), for top September launches in North America. With a \$77.5 million launch weekend in 60 global markets, "The Nun" found itself at \$131 million in ticket sales for its opening weekend — all with a \$22 million budget.

Set in the Romanian countryside in 1952, "The Nun" follows Father Burke (Demián Bichir) and Sister Irene (Taissa Farmiga) as they investigate the Vatican's safety concerns involving an abbey deep in the woods after the suicide of one of its nuns. With the assistance of Frenchie (Jonas Bloquet), the local farmhand who discovered the body, the trio dives head first into unraveling the mysteries of this most unholy land.

Director Corin Harby delivers a thrilling prequel to "The Conjuring" storyline, delving into the past and origin of the familiar demon, Valak. With a few flashes of Valak in "The Conjuring 2," fans were eager to finally gain some insight on the

terrifying entity that has haunted Ed and Lorraine Warren (and surely viewers) since his first appearance.

One of the most chilling features of "The Conjuring" series is not the jump scares, the terrifying special effects or the horrifying vision of Valak; it is the fact that Ed and Lorraine Warren are real paranormal investigators. While the films aren't an exact replica of their investigations, the stories and characters draw heavily from their real life experiences. While the pair has never faced Valak before, the demon's design was based around an entity that has haunted Lorraine in her home.

Rotten Tomatoes' top critics only gave "The Nun" a 27 percent rat-

ing, though audiences seemed to disagree. Google audiences scored it a decent 86 percent. The movie still performed just fine despite the low critic score — its \$131 million launch has landed "The Conjuring" series the coveted honor of being the biggest R-rated horror series of all time at \$1.33.5 billion. With titles like "The Conjuring 3," "Annabelle 3" and "The Crooked Man" in the series' future, we can only expect more records will be broken.

Though Ed Warren passed in 2006, the Warren family still participates in the world of the paranormal through their Occult Museum in Monroe, Connecticut. There, you can see videos and artifacts from their investigations, including some well-known objects from the movie franchise, most famously, the real Annabelle doll.

For the truly brave at heart, the Warren Occult Museum in Connecticut will be hosting a once in a lifetime event for die-hard horror fans: an Evening with Annabelle. Just a few days before Halloween, on Oct. 26, those who aren't afraid will get to set eyes on the real doll that inspired it all — just don't forget to sign that liability form. The doll is rumored to have been responsible for several deaths and still has an evil presence even after being exorcised several times.

Other artifacts that the museum has and will also be present at the evening with Annabelle is the shadow doll, which is said to come to you in

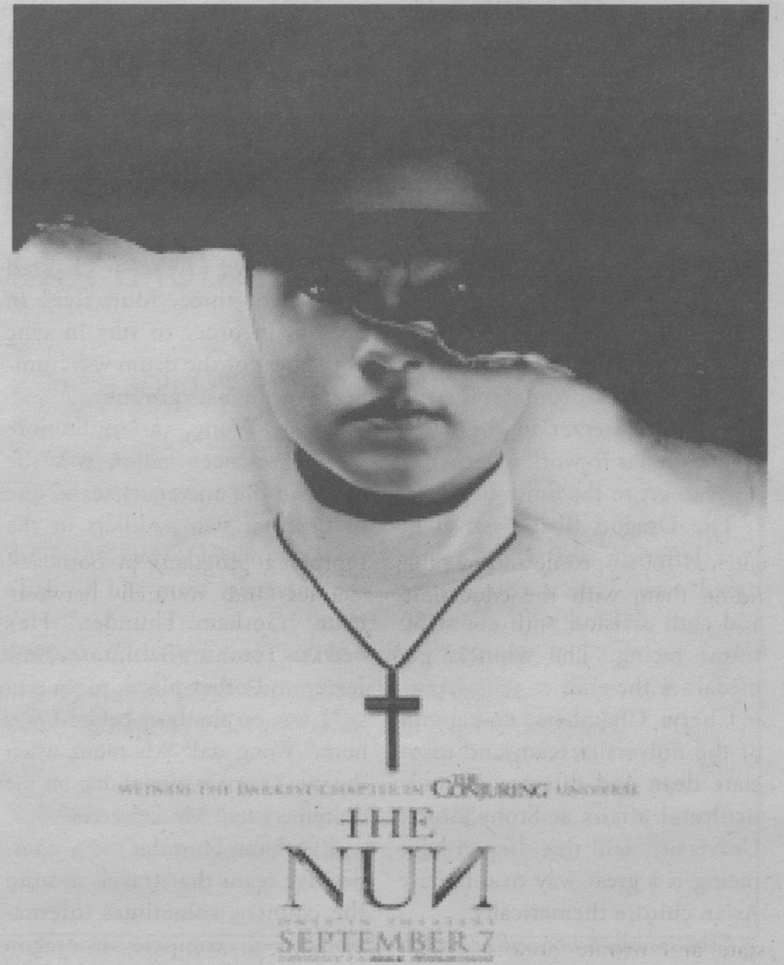
your dreams and stop your heart and, and the conjuring mirror was used in conjuring rituals to summon evil spirits and demonic entities. There will also be a fourth mystery artifact that has never been shown to the public.

Whether you watch the film through the hands over your eyes

or you're brave enough to spend a night with Annabelle, there's no denying that "The Nun" will be a staple of this fall season. As audiences flock in mass to see the year's top thriller, I think we'll be seeing a lot more people leaving the lights on in their dorms at bedtime!

"While the films aren't an exact replica of their investigations, the stories and characters draw heavily from their real life experiences."

—Emily Clute



"The Nun" antagonist, a demon named Valak. The fifth installment in "The Conjuring" series premiered Sept. 7.

Apple unveils new technology at annual conference

By Arielle Cheshire
Contributing Writer

Apple's 2018 keynote event on Sept. 12 introduced the Apple Watch Series 4, two new phones, new health software and augmented reality apps at the 2018 Apple Worldwide Developers Conference.

The Series 4 Watch has the capability of notifying the user immediately when their heart rate is elevated, and it can also take an electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG) in 30 seconds, a test that measures a heart's electrical activity. The ECG recordings, classification of the recordings and noted symptoms can be sent to a doctor via PDF and provides detailed pictures that can otherwise only be obtained in a clinic, Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple, said. It is also FDA approved.

"In my experience people often report symptoms that are absent during their medical visits," Ivor J. Benjamin, president of the American Heart Association and practicing cardiologist, said at the keynote event. "The ability to access how data on an on-demand electrocardiogram or ECG is game changing, especially when evaluating atrial fibrillation, an irregular and often rapid heart rate, than can increase a person's risk of stroke, heart failure, and other heart related complications."

The Apple Watch Series 4 could detect when someone falls by analyzing wrist trajectory and impact acceleration. After a fall is detected, it sends an alert in which you can access emergency services, and if you hav-



Apple just announced its newest iPhone models: iPhone XS, and iPhone XS Max. The products will be released to consumers in September 2018.

en't moved in a minute, emergency services and your emergency contacts are notified by providing your location.

"Fall detection is a feature that we hope you never need, but it's really nice to know it's there,"

Jeff Williams, chief operating officer at Apple, said at the conference.

iOS 12 will be focusing more on augmented reality software to expand in gaming, learning and surface and content detection. A built-in measure app will be available to all users, and the AR Quick Look will be able to

bring 3D objects into the real world, showing an object online in front of you.

The camera will have a "Smart HDR," which means that multiple photos in different exposures will combine into a single image.

However, the new iPhone XS isn't really different from the last release. The battery life is improved by 30 minutes, and the screen is scratch resistant. The speaker is about 25 percent louder.

In preparation for new releases, Apple killed off several products in-

cluding the iPhone X, iPhone 6 and Apple Watch Series 1.

"If the battery life and service issues are repaired or at least better with the new iPhone, it shouldn't be terrible, but missing out on the home button and headphone jack won't really convince me on upgrading my phone in the next year," Evanna Plakas, freshmen engineering major, said.

Amath Thiam, a senior computer engineering major and a phone repairman, said that repairing the iPhone XS should be similar to the iPhone 10.

"We take off the screen, which should be the same, but the motherboard and chips may be a little different," Thiam said. He just upgraded to the iPhone 8 and said that he's trying to spend another thousand dollars on a new phone.

The iPhone X was released in November 2017 for \$999 and is the same size as the iPhone XS and has the same OLED retina display and screen resolution. The A12 chip processor of the iPhone XS has a 50 percent faster graphics performance card, and the power usage is 50 percent lower. The iPhone 6 was the last iPhone with a headphone jack.

It is great that they kept the stereo sound for movies and games, but there aren't that many noticeable differences between the iPhone X and the XS. The iPhone XS Max has a larger display (6.5 inches), than the iPhone X Plus (5.5 inches). The camera has few changes— it's still a dual 12 megapixel wide camera — but it now has smarter HDR photo detection and depth control.

"I'm an Apple user but in all honesty they're pretty underwhelming, especially for the prices," Victoria Koppj, a sales associate at T-Mobile and junior environmental studies major, said. "They have a fantastic marketing team and hype up their launches only to release a phone that Samsung came out with 2 years ago."

At the conference, Apple also said the FaceTime app will now also be able to support up to 32 people in a call and it will have face filters.

Port Jefferson hosts Dragon Boat Race Festival

By Anna Correa
Arts and Culture Editor

The fifth annual Dragon Boat Race Festival brought together Stony Brook University students and staff, amateur and professional competitive racers, community groups, civic and non-profit organizations, vendors and performers to celebrate Pan-Asian culture at the Port Jefferson Harbor on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Dragon Boat Racing has its roots in Chinese culture. It is an over 2,000-year-old tradition that comes from superstitious Chinese villagers who celebrated the festival to avert misfortune. The races can be from 200-meter to 2,000-meter long.

It is the fastest growing water sport around the world. A typical dragon boat can hold up to 20 people, with a drummer in the front and a steerer in the back. The team has to work together in order to get to the finish line first.

The Dragon Boat Festival in Port Jefferson was a 200-meter timed race with a competitive and club division with about 30 teams racing. The winners get medals at the end.

Cheryl Chambers, co-captain of the university team and associate dean and director of multicultural affairs at Stony Brook University, said this dragon boat racing is a great way to celebrate Asian culture thematically.

"This is really a wonderful Port Jefferson tradition that has been growing and building over the years and there is a great deal of community support," Chambers said. "Our participation is showing our support."

The university team, Stony Brook Seawolves, consisted of students, faculty and staff. Some of the students and faculty were returning for their second and third years in a row. The team has competed all five years of the festival.

"The races were low pressure and fun. The boat is really small. You're all huddled together as a team. It makes it feel like you're one," Alex Chacon, first time dragon boat race paddler and freshman political science and anthropology double major, said. "We got better as we moved to the last round. The last round we got second place and we beat the police department."

The university team chanted "one, two, three, four, five" in unison, in order to stay in sync as the beat of the drum was humming in the background.

Lucas Wong, a sophomore marine sciences major, was the pacer on the university team, one of the first two paddlers in the first few rows. He rowed for both the university team and his dad's team "Gotham Thunder." He's been to Toronto, Baltimore, New Jersey and other places to race.

"I was on the boat before I was born," Wong said. "My mom, when she was pregnant, was sitting on the drummer's seat. My dad steers."

"Gotham Thunder" is a competitive team that travels around the country, sometimes internationally, to compete in dragon boat race festivals. The team was in Hungary recently.

Wong's father, Eugene Wong, steers for the "Gotham Thunder" team. He has been competing



DESHAUN ROBINSON/THE STATESMAN

At the Port Jefferson Inner Harbor, competitive and club teams rowed 200 meters at the Dragon Boat Race Festival. It was the 5th annual dragon boat festival.

in dragon boat races for over 25 years. He said he likes the sport because it's a team sport and it forces him to stay in shape.

The "Gotham Thunder" team changes every year and they travel about five to six times a year. They're traveling to the Bucks County Dragon Boat Festival in Pennsylvania next week.

Competitive teams like "Gotham Thunder" do exercises and warm-ups and have a group huddle before they head to their next race. It helps them bond together and loosen up.

Barbara Ranson, director of operations at the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce and chair of the organizing committee for the event, said she

brought the idea of a dragon boat festival to the Chamber of Commerce about two years ago. She got the idea from seeing a festival in Cape May, New Jersey. It took two years to organize the first festival and some of the organizers went to other festivals to see how they planned it.

Besides boat racing, the festival had 17 different groups performing this year, the largest amount of performers that the festival has had in its five-year run. Stony Brook University's Taiko Tides, a performance group that focuses on Japanese drumming, performed several times throughout the day.

Other performances included the Yiyuan Dance Group with

a Chinese and Mongolian folk dance, tai chi from the Stony Brook Chinese School and a performance of the Japanese Koto and Shamisen instruments from the Miyabi Koto Shamisen Ensemble. The performers wore traditional costumes from the cultures represented, such as kimonos, hanfu and a dragon head costume.

Some tents had people doing art such as Chinese calligraphy.

"I hope in the years to come, the best thing would be to have more and more students really be a part of this event," Chambers said. "Either actually doing the rowing, or cheering the seawolves on or performing at the event, which draws hundreds and hundreds of people."

Artsy Events

1.) CommUniversity Day

On Saturday, Sept. 22, Stony Brook University will be hosting its third annual CommUniversity day. It will showcase several aspects of the campus community through interactive activities, entertainment and mini-talks.

2.) A Cambodian Spring

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, the Charles B. Wang Center Theater will be showing "A Cambodian Spring," a film shot over a six-year period about violent protests and modern issues in Cambodia.

3.) Virtual Reality Demo

From Sept. 12 to Nov. 15, there is a virtual reality exhibit, called Virtual Journeys: Chinese Buddhist Art and Architecture in the Digital Era, at the Charles B. Wang Center Skylight Gallery.

4.) An Evening with Pat Metheny

World-renowned and Grammy award-winning American jazz guitarist and composer, Pat Metheny, will be performing at the Staller Center on Saturday, Sept. 29.



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The Stony Brook Seawolves team listens to the beat of the drum and chants together in order to stay in unison. The team was in three races.



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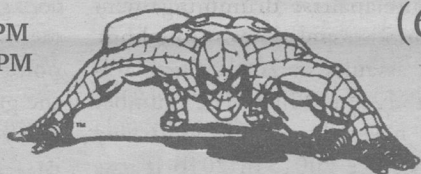
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A student places a pinwheel on the Academic Mall lawn to honor heroes and victims of 9/11. In 2001, there were 92 anti-Muslim assaults in the U.S., compared to 12 in 2000.

Sept. 11 had a bigger impact than you think

By Mike Adams
Opinions Editor

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001 has been described in greater detail in other articles. Better writers have used far more prestigious column inches to tell tales of the savaging of Lower Manhattan by hijackers piloting Boeing 767's, and the decimation of the Pentagon a little over half an hour later. An entire nation, once more, drew tearful pride and strength when they remembered how passengers on the United Airlines Flight 93 averted a final catastrophe at the cost of their own lives.

Still, it behooves us to count the cost this nation paid that Tuesday morning.

Nearly 3,000 died. Over 6,000 injured. Billions in property damage. Fear and hate, blood and dust. Cancers that ravage former first responders at numbers set to outpace casualties from the day itself by the end of the year.

But looking at 9/11's aftermath as a purely American event, felt mainly by New Yorkers and first responders, is like looking at the ocean through a straw. The whole world suffered after Sept. 11. There is blood spilled to this very day that can be traced back to the actions of those 19 hijackers.

This is not an effort to diminish the sacrifices our countrymen made that fateful day. This is an effort to see past the smokescreen of propaganda and take in the scope of Sept. 11, 2001 and its consequences as a whole.

The Pew Research Center estimates about 3.45 million people in the United States are Muslim. Those who lived in the U.S. in the aftermath of 9/11 noted a precipitous rise in

anti-Muslim sentiments from their countrymen.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported 92 anti-Muslim assaults in 2001. There was just 12 in 2000. The number has never dipped below 26 any year since 2001. In 2016 it rose to 127.

Muslims have not been the only target of reactionary violence in America. The advocacy group Sikh Coalition recorded more than 300 incidents of violence and discrimination against Sikhs in the U.S. within a month of 9/11.

Senior biology major Shafkat Salam barely remembers Sept. 11, 2001. He was enrolled in kindergarten at the time, living in Canada. Still, he recalls his family fearing the West would turn against Muslims. He moved to the U.S. a couple of years later. Today, he looked back on how those attacks, in a country he didn't yet live in, ultimately shaped much of his life.

"After 9/11 there was a huge shift in focus from terrorists to Muslims," Salam said. "It really put the focus on Islam as the enemy, that's how people spun it. Growing up I was in a community that wasn't Muslim at all. I felt outnumbered, and I felt like whenever we talked about it in school there was always a bias against us. I never really realized it until I went to college, but I was really ashamed to be a Muslim."

Salam considers himself lucky. He never experienced the violence and overt intimidation that marked the lives of so many of his friends, but his childhood wasn't free from discrimination.

"I was in fifth grade at the time," Salam said. "I was talking

to another guy and we got into a pretty heated debate about our backgrounds. We were just kids throwing out roasts, but at some point, at the end of the argument the guy just threw out 'well, you and your entire family are terrorists.' After that moment I didn't say anything, I started crying."

Numerically speaking, the vast majority of blood spilled due to 9/11 has not been American. President George W. Bush declared a Global War on Terror just a few days after. Under banners of righteous justice, with the support of the entire world, we turned two nations to rubble. One of them had nothing to do with the attacks. In destabilizing Iraq, the U.S. created a power vacuum that ultimately led to the rise of ISIS, a major player in the violence and displacement that have rocked The Levant.

The War on Terror's true death toll is unknowable. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have been killed in the Middle East and South Asia since 2001. At least five percent of Iraqis have died since the start of the 2003 invasion; more than one million people, according to a consortium of physicians' groups.

None of it stopped terrorism. What happened that Tuesday morning changed the course of American history. It also changed the course of history in Europe and Africa. It blew holes in whole generations of men, women and children in the Middle East.

We need to recognize the common denominator of pain that day, wrought from the innocent in nearly every corner of the Earth, if we are ever to truly heal. To do any less would be to disrespect the sacrifices of heroes from Tribeca to Tripoli.

Should USG members be getting paid with student money?

By Emily Selleck
Contributing Writer

When I arrived in the US as an Australian exchange student, there were plenty of differences I noticed: the football culture, the sea of Sea-wolves merch and Starbucks venti iced coffees in the hands of every second person I walked past on campus. But the one thing I didn't expect was more academically-focused than red cups and frat parties: students on the Stony Brook Undergraduate Student Government (USG) get paid.

After attending a senate meeting, I learned that the 23 student senators and seven-member executive committee are compensated for 6 to 15 hours of work per week, with hourly rates ranging from just above minimum wage to nearly \$16. These work hours include time spent attending weekly senate meetings or holding office hours in the Student Activities Center (SAC). I was even more shocked when I discovered the money they received came directly from the Student Activities Fee we all

have to foot the bill for.

Don't get me wrong, I think student government bodies do fantastic work. I have sat on a similar committee at my university back home and can attest to the time and effort that goes into holding a position, particularly one on an executive board. But this was the first time I had ever heard of students getting remunerated for this type of work and questioned whether it was ethical.

When there is no money on the table, one would expect students to run for government because they are passionate about the university, want to gain leadership experience and perhaps even boost their LinkedIn portfolio.

But, once money is put on the table, it muddies the water.

How are we to know whether a student, who has been elected to represent the entire student body, is there for the right reasons? Given that a number of USG members ran unopposed at the previous election, I think it's a fair question to ask.

However, the issue that more di-

rectly affects the student body, is the fact this money comes straight from our pockets.

The current USG committee has yet to release details of its budget, however the previous committee, which managed a budget of about \$3 million, set aside \$175,000 for student payroll alone which doesn't include the professional staff who work in admin and manage the books.

Of course, most of the budget — which is drawn from the Student Activities Fee — pays for events like Wolfeland and helps fund hundreds of clubs on campus. But, nearly \$200,000 is set aside to pay our peers for holding office hours in the SAC? That's a whole lot of money that could be allocated elsewhere.

USG President Justas Klimavicius said the compensation was "earned" particularly because students did not receive any extra credit for USG.

"If you pay the fee and you are part of a club... you're benefiting from the money too," he said. "I see it (USG members getting paid) the same way. We're a separate non-profit from the university which I think



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USG Executive Vice President Adbelrahman Salama and Parliamentarian Matthew Walker at a Senate meeting.

is a big reason why we get paid too. We don't get academic credit, internship credit or anything of that nature either and considering the amount of time we put in, it's nice to get something back."

Klimavicius said the money didn't motivate him to run for USG, but it would deter others if compensation was taken away.

"It would deter some," he said. "I can't speak for everyone, but there

would be more people inclined to get a job than run for student government ... really it's not about the amount of money, it's the gesture."

I understand the sentiment: that it's nice to be acknowledged for hard work. But if dozens of Stony Brook student-run executive boards, from sporting clubs to The Statesman, can operate effectively without any personal monetary gain, surely the central student government can too.

Football fandom keeps the sport's many problems in the background

By Nick Zararis
Contributing Writer

At a fundamental level, the sheer brutal force of football should be enough to deter the general public from paying any attention to the sport. Millions of people watching players hit each other with the ferocity of a car accident should be an indictment of our culture in the United States. By watching each week, millions of viewers implicitly approve of the toxic culture within the sport.

This past summer, a University of Maryland football player, Jordan McNair, died of heatstroke because his coaches did not take his fainting seriously. The head coach of Ohio State's football team, Urban Meyer, turned a blind eye to an assistant coach's serial physical abuse of his wife. The university suspended him for three cupcake games against teams that do not have a chance of beating Ohio State.

The National Football League (NFL) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) are both morally bankrupt institutions that exploit the worst of human nature. The players are underpaid for the risks they have to take and demonized for asking to get paid what they are worth.

The culture of football is being torn apart at its very foundation.

Sports, which are supposed to be above the political fray and bring the country together, are being used as just another political tactic.

Sports serve as a neutral space in which everyone can just turn their brains off and enjoy the rawest of human emotions. When I watch Aaron Rodgers in the pocket, I'm not thinking about an assignment due the next morning. I'm wondering what he's going to run on third and five against a four man rush.

Even though Stony Brook's football team failed to gain 100 yards of offense two weeks ago against the Air Force Academy, the simplicity of the Academy's triple option offense in 2018 brings a smile to my face.

Take last weekend's amazing opening NFL games.

The Green Bay Packers vs. Chicago Bears Sunday night game was an instant classic. In the first half, the Bears' newest weapon, all pro defensive end, Khalil Mack, dominated the Packers to the tune of two sacks, a forced fumble and an interception that he returned for a touchdown, all of which occurred in the first half.

In addition to Mack's brilliance, the injury to future hall of fame quarterback, Rodgers, set the table for one of the greatest comebacks in NFL history. The quarterback had

injured his knee when a Bears player landed on it at an awkward angle. Going into halftime, the Packers were trailing 20-3 and without the highest paid player in the league.

Somehow, Rodgers improbably limped out of the tunnel to start the second half, unable to place weight on his injured left knee. Yet, Rodgers willed his Packers back into the game, throwing three touchdown passes and 273 yards on one leg.

While watching this play out, I'm thinking about Rodgers' life after football. In his career, the quarterback has broken his clavicle twice and has the typical wear and tear on his body of a football player. Will Rodgers be able to lift his arms over his shoulders when he's 50 years old?

These are the type of questions that keep the "NFL is in trouble" take in the background.

At one point, 14-1 underdogs in the game going into the half, the Packers pulled off a 21-point swing and won the game 24-23. The Packers and Bears game alone should pump the brakes on any argument about the impending doom of the NFL.

Football is still the most watched sport in the United States according to Statista. While there was a slight dip in ratings last season compared to

previous years, there is a combination of factors at play aside from the players kneeling during the National Anthem to protest racial injustice. The declining ratings do not account for the number of households that have gotten rid of their cable service and now elect to stream games instead.

The sheer number of people that no longer subscribe to cable means that there are fewer TV sets as a whole.

In fact, when accounting for the fewer number of TVs as a whole, the NFL ratings were actually up this past season in comparison to scripted television.

There was something magical about watching Rodgers uncork a 40-yard bomb down the field on one leg, and it is a testament

to just how special the game of football is.

The long term impacts of the game of football are finally being understood — players are suffering from Concussion Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) and other debilitating injuries that alter their standard of living. The moral decay of a sport in which kids as young as five hit each other with the allure of playing in a stadium of 100,000 people reflects where America is as a country.

The NFL very may well be the modern equivalent to Rome's Bread and Circuses, but all I want to know is, can Rodgers limp through two months on a sprained knee and lead the Packers to the playoffs?



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Stony Brook University's football team playing against the University of Delaware on Oct. 7, 2017.

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Wolfieland 2018 in photos



Students went for a spin at the third annual Wolfieland. The carnival, hosted by the Undergraduate Student Government, had rides, attractions and games for attendees to enjoy. The Stony Brook tradition attracted 2,400 people.

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Volleyball sweeps two of three games at Stony Brook Invite

By Kenneth Fermin
Staff Writer

Stony Brook jumped out to two-set leads in each game of the Stony Brook Invite by Holiday Inn Express, but it was not enough to overcome Bryant on Friday, Sept. 14. The Seawolves recovered to sweep Delaware on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Colgate on Sunday, Sept. 16.

"This is probably the best we've executed from start to finish for a match this season," head coach Kristin Belzung said following Sunday's three-set victory. "I am really proud of the team, especially after what I thought was not a great execution match for us [against Delaware]. This is our last tune up before [America East] Conference play starts up next weekend... so it was good to see us execute the game plan."

Stony Brook was dominant on the attack in the first two sets against the Bryant Bulldogs Friday evening. The Seawolves only trailed twice starting off the contest, both early in each set. Stony Brook topped Bryant 25-20 in the first set and cruised to a 25-17 second set victory.

The momentum shifted for both teams coming out of the five-minute break, with the Bulldogs frontcourt noticeably playing much more aggressively in the third and fourth sets. The Stony Brook frontcourt seemed turbulent and fumbled several passes late in the third set, handing Bryant the 25-21 third set win.

The Bulldogs pounced on a weakened Seawolves exterior de-

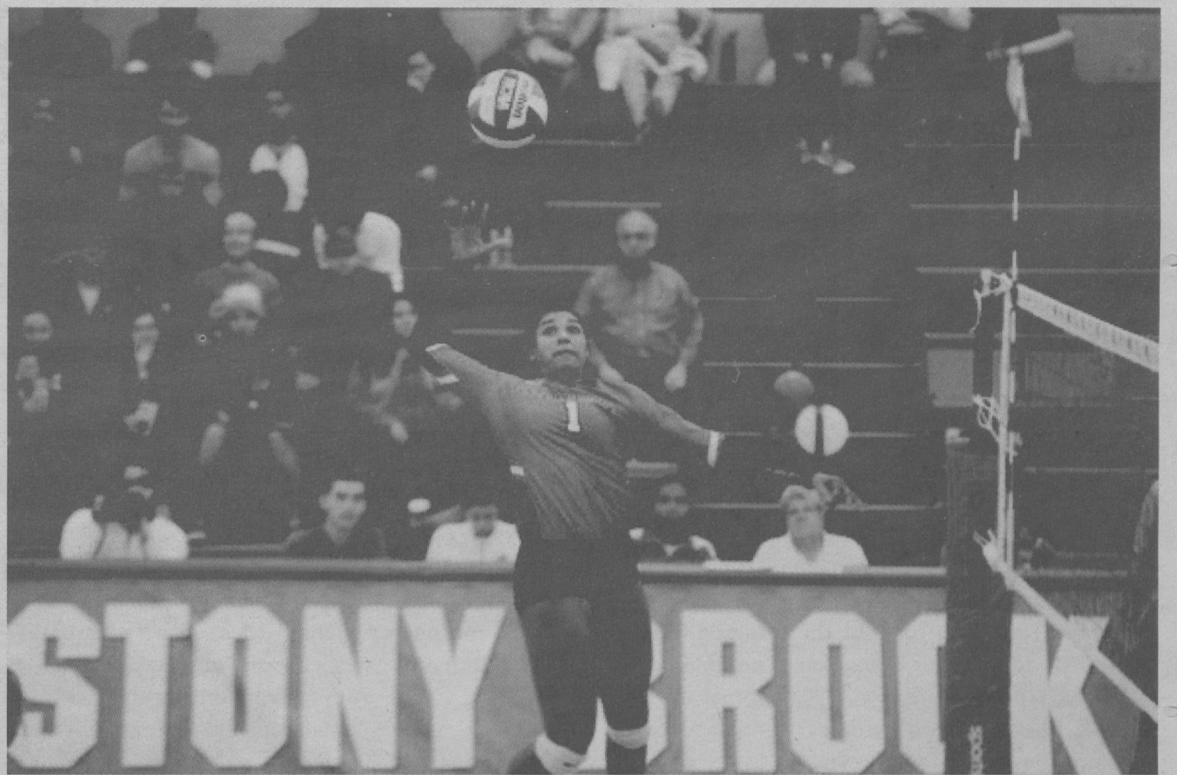
fense and took the 11-4 lead in the fourth set. Senior middle blocker McKyla Brooks, who earned 10th place in Stony Brook all-time career kills with 1,028 in the match, led an incredible offensive display from Stony Brook, as the team battled back to tie the set at 17. The Bulldogs maintained their composure and fought back against the Seawolves, winning the set 25-19 to tie the game at two.

Bryant played its best in the fifth set, finishing with a .450 team hitting percentage. A kill by redshirt-senior outside hitter Julia Flynn won the set 15-13 and the match in five sets.

The Delaware Blue Hens held a four-point lead over Stony Brook in the middle of the first set on Saturday. A kill by Brooks kicked off a Seawolves 6-1 run, giving them a 20-18 lead. The Seawolves shut down the Blue Hens comeback off a kill by junior middle blocker Kendra Harlow, winning the set 25-20.

Harlow excelled on the court despite being used predominantly as a bench player this season and led the team with 9.5 points in the contest, alongside junior outside hitter Jordan Gels. Harlow capitalized on her scoring opportunities throughout the match including spiking a kill through the Delaware defense to give Stony Brook the 25-20 second set victory.

"I'm really excited," Harlow said about her increased playing time. "Last year I started to get a little more playing time at the



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Senior middle blocker McKyla Brooks jumps to spike the ball in 2017. Stony Brook lost 2-3 to Bryant despite Brooks' incredible offensive display on Friday, Sept. 14.

end of the season. And this year, I am just excited to compete, hopefully get another title and help my team to win."

Delaware held a lead over Stony Brook for the majority of the third set. A bad set by Blue Hens senior setter Abby Skryd gave the Seawolves the lead, one which they would not relinquish. Stony Brook held on to win the third set 25-20, sweeping Delaware three games to none.

The Stony Brook frontcourt showcased its most dominant performance to date Sunday afternoon against the Colgate

Raiders. The Seawolves finished the first set with a .517 hitting percentage off 18 kills and won, 25-14.

The junior duo of Gels and outside hitter Maria Poole suppressed the sluggish Colgate defense, combining for seven of the fifteen kills in the second set. Poole was a dominant force on the Seawolves offense and led the team with 13 total points and a .571 hitting percentage. Her performance assisted the team in cruising to the 25-14 victory.

Colgate went on a five-point run to cut the Stony Brook lead

to 22-20 in the middle of the third set. It would be the closest the Raiders got to tying the game, as the Seawolves concluded the match on a three-point run, winning 25-20 and the match three games to none.

Stony Brook concludes its non-conference schedule with a 6-8 overall record. It will begin conference action on Friday, Sept. 21 against the Hartford Hawks who own a 7-4 overall record in 2018. The match is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Hartford Volleyball Gym in West Hartford, Connecticut.

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SPORTS

Gamwanya scores late in Men's Soccer win over Bryant

By Ryan Pavich
Staff Writer

The cross was placed perfectly in front of him, only the goalkeeper standing in his way. A tap with the right foot, and the ball flew just past the goalkeeper's outstretched hands into the right corner of the net. Three minutes later, the Seawolves walked off the field with a victory.

Senior midfielder Serge Gamwanya's goal in the 87th minute, which was set up by junior striker Jarred Dass, put Stony Brook ahead for good and secured the team's 2-1 victory over Bryant on Saturday, Sept. 15.

"Individually I don't think I had my best performance today," Gamwanya said. "But even though I didn't have my best performance, it's all about the team. You can have individuals, but you always have to put the team first. We got down one, and we knew that we had to stay positive, keep our heads up, and keep working for each other."

Stony Brook had to recover from a slow start. The team didn't find its first shot until the 19th minute, and continually allowed Bryant to press into its zone. Bryant only managed to create three

shots in the first half, but they capitalized on their opportunity. Bryant sophomore forward Jared Lee found a redirected ball in the 29th minute in front of the net and punched it through, giving Bryant a 1-0 lead.

The Seawolves also had to adjust to a last minute lineup change before the game. Freshman goalkeeper Christian Miesch had started every game prior to Saturday and was in the lineup an hour before the game. An injury sustained during warmups forced him out however, and put junior goalkeeper Jacob Braham in net for the first time this year.

Head coach Ryan Anatol said in a post-game interview that the team didn't have an update on Miesch's injury, only that it was either a pulled muscle or a blow from hitting the ground in warm-ups. Anatol did expect the injury to be relatively minor, and is hopeful that Miesch could be ready to go for Stony Brook's next match. Meanwhile, the team is confident that whichever goalkeeper is in net will be ready.

"Jacob had to come into a very similar situation last year," Anatol said. "He had to come into the middle of the game and play,

and he played a ton of games. It's difficult to get the call 10 minutes before kickoff, but we've said you have to be prepared for your opportunity and I thought he came in and did a good job."

The Seawolves' offense returned to form in the second half. The game was highly physical throughout, but it became especially rough the later it went, and several yellow cards were handed out to the Bulldogs. The Seawolves persisted through the hits, and found their opportunities late.

Junior defenseman Gustavo Fernandes found the equalizer in the 76th minute, driving the ball from 25 yards out and getting a fortunate bounce off a defender. Gamwanya's goal in the 87th minute gave the Seawolves the upper hand, and the team cruised to the end.

"We knew that it was gonna be that type of game, just because when we played them last season it was the same type of team," Gamwanya said. "That scrappy, wanna play hard, and wanna frustrate you. So we knew that we had to keep our heads calm, and just do what we have to do. But at the same time, we have to show them that you can't just come here and think you're gon-



ARACELY JIMENEZ / STATESMAN FILE

Senior midfielder Serge Gamwanya dribbles the ball in a game against New Hampshire on Oct. 8, 2016.

na take points from us. Because we really work hard for this, as a team."

Gamwanya currently sits atop the America East Conference in goals with four in seven games played. Junior striker Jarred Dass sits in third place just two goals behind.

Senior midfielder Martieon Watson is in sole possession of an individual top spot for the America East Conference. Watson has the most assists with four, one

ahead of two players tied with three. Stony Brook's victory gives it a 3-3-1 record entering conference play. The Seawolves play Albany on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m.

"We know Friday's gonna be a battle, so we're gonna be up for it, we're gonna be ready, we're excited to go on the road," Anatol said. "No better way to start off conference play than with Albany, so we're looking forward to it."

Football ends non-conference schedule with win at Fordham

By Peter Lupfer
Sports Editor

The largest commonality tying Stony Brook Football's three 2018 non-conference games together may be scoring streaks.

After week one's 38-0 blow-out loss to Air Force and week two's 50-21 win against Bryant in which they surrendered a 20-point lead before charging back to victory, the Seawolves concluded their non-conference schedule with a 28-6 road victory against the Fordham Rams on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Stony Brook scored four uninterrupted touchdowns and held Fordham off the scoreboard until the final three minutes of the game, but by that point the game was already too far out of reach.

Senior running backs Jordan Gowins and Donald Liotine continued their impressive play from last week against Bryant. Both scored rushing touchdowns on two different 12-second possessions, doubling the Stony Brook lead to 28-0 in the second and third quarters.

The third-quarter drive that produced Liotine's touchdown consisted of a single play. Liotine ran the ball 75 yards into the Rams' endzone from the Seawolves' 25, finishing his team's

offensive production for the day with a bang.

The Seawolves once again received scoring contributions from their defense. In the opening drive of the game, Rams senior quarterback Luke Medlock attempted a pass that was picked off by Seawolves junior defensive tackle Jordan Scarbrough and returned for a 25-yard touchdown. Junior kicker Nick Courtney's extra-point attempt went through the uprights, giving Stony Brook a 7-0 lead under a minute-and-a-half into the first quarter.

Stony Brook doubled its lead in the beginning of the second quarter when senior wide receiver Nick Anderson caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Joe Carbone, concluding a 76-yard drive that lasted almost five minutes. The possession was the Seawolves' second longest of the night, only surpassed by their 5:06 drive in the third quarter that ended without scoring.

Gowins' and Liotine's touchdowns increased the Seawolves' lead to 28-0. The score remained that way until there were three minutes left in the fourth quarter, when Rams freshman quarterback Tim DeMorat completed



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Senior running back Donald Liotine during a game in 2016. Liotine scored a 75-yard touchdown on Saturday, Sept. 15 en route to Football's 28-6 win against Fordham.

a 29-yard pass to senior wide receiver Corey Caddle to end the shutout attempt.

The duo of Gowins and Liotine hold the first and third highest rushing yards per game averages in the Colonial Athletic Association, respectively.

Through their first three games the running backs have combined for 562 rushing yards. Elon freshman running back Jaylan Thomas sits in second place.

"We kept them out of the endzone until three minutes to go in the game, which was important,"

head coach Chuck Priore said in a press release. "We dominated defensively for most of the game. Overall, I'm pleased, but we need to get better."

Stony Brook begins conference play Saturday, Sept. 22 when it hosts Richmond at Kenneth P.

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