



# Campus Resources and Student Services



## Athletic Facilities

The Sports Complex is actually two separate buildings, Pritchard Gymnasium and the newer West Wing.

### Pritchard Gymnasium

Pritchard Gym is one of the original buildings on campus, built in the late 1960s when the campus moved to Stony Brook from its Oyster Bay location. The gymnasium is 20,000 square feet and has three regulation basketball courts that can be divided by a moveable wall into two separate rooms. The smaller part of the gym is equipped with drop-down batting tunnels used by the baseball and softball teams during the winter months and inclement weather. The gym is primarily used now for physical education classes, recreation, and team practices.

Also located in the Pritchard side of the Sports Complex is the 25-yard swimming pool, the weight room, and various Athletics and Physical Education offices. Pritchard has seen major renovations to its office space in the past few years. One of the biggest additions and most utilized areas is the Goldstein Academic Center.

### Goldstein Academic Center

The Goldstein Academic Center was dedicated in December 1997 through a gift made by Stuart Goldstein and the Sunny and Abe Rosenberg Foundation. The Center is the primary study hall for the student-athletes and is equipped with the latest computers and network connections for Internet access. The academic advisors and student-athlete service offices are located in the Center as well.

### Dance Studio

Also in the confines of Pritchard Gym is a 600-square-foot dance studio equipped with hardwood floors and ballet bars. The room is used for physical education classes and the Recreation Department uses it for multiple activities.

### West Wing

Opening in 1990, the West Wing was one of the biggest additions to the campus in many years. The arena is 40,000 square feet and houses three regulation basketball courts with the center hardwood floor serving as the main court for basketball and volleyball. The arena has a 177-meter rubber surface track surrounding the perimeter of the room. In addition to basketball and volleyball, the arena is home to numerous trade shows, ceremonies, and concerts throughout the year. The West

Wing also has office space for Athletics administration staff as well as a new equipment room, training room, and locker facilities.

### Athletic Training Room

The athletic training room contains rooms for hydrotherapy, rehabilitation, private physicians examination, as well as a general treatment area. The facility houses equipment to ensure the student-athletes are getting the best treatment available. An auxiliary training room in the new Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium supplements the primary room.

### Squash Court/Lounge

The West Wing also has six squash courts that get used daily for classes and recreation. The court space and its adjoining lounge area were made possible by a gift from Stuart Goldstein. The lounge serves as prime space for meetings and receptions throughout the year.

### Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium

Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium opened in 2002 and is the new home to the football and lacrosse teams. The state-of-the-art facility is the largest outdoor facility in Suffolk County and has become the backdrop for some of Long Island's most exciting sports events. The 8,200-seat stadium was built at the cost of \$22 million and its unique design provides fans with a tremendous stadium experience. It has a three-tier press box on the east side and accommodates six luxury suites, a spacious working press box area, television and radio booths, and a camera deck on the roof. The south building houses the offices for the football and lacrosse staff as well as locker rooms for the teams. The facility was named Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium in honor of the New York State senator who was instrumental in making the stadium a reality.

### Baseball/Softball Complex

Sitting back-to-back at the north end of the Athletic property is the baseball/softball complex. The baseball field is in its original location and had a face-lift when the skinned area was redone and new drainage and sprinkler systems were installed. The softball field was displaced when LaValle Stadium was constructed, and is now located next to the baseball field. Both fields have 25-foot scoreboards courtesy of Coca-Cola. The fields are the primary practice and competition facilities for the two teams.

## Bookstores

The University Bookstore is located on the ground level of the Melville Library

(opposite the Stony Brook Union). It stocks a wide selection of new and used textbooks, reference books, study aids, general books, school supplies, art supplies, engineering supplies, residence hall living supplies, Stony Brook logo clothing, Seawolves logo clothing, class rings, gifts and novelties, greeting cards, health and beauty aids, electronics, stationery, backpacks, magazines, candy, and snacks.

Shop early for the best selection of used books and to avoid the rush at the beginning of the semester, or reserve your textbooks online at [www.stonybrook.edu/bookstore](http://www.stonybrook.edu/bookstore)

The Bookstore buys back textbooks year-round at wholesale prices. To get the best price for your unwanted textbooks, sell them back to the bookstore as soon as finals week begins.

The University Bookstore's general books department carries many reference and technical titles that relate to academic programs and a wide selection of general reading books and magazines. Titles not in stock can be special ordered at no additional charge. For more information, call the University Bookstore at (631) 632-6550.

The Bookstore Campus Account (BCA) is a taxable debit account. It offers the convenience of purchasing textbooks and school supplies in the University Bookstore, Matthew's HSC Medical Bookstore, and the Seawolves MarketPlace without carrying cash; just present your University ID card. A BCA can be opened in increments of \$100; choose an amount from \$200 to \$1,000. The amount you select is charged to your Student Account and may be deferred against financial aid or paid in monthly installments using the University's Time Option Payment Plan (TOPP). It must be listed on your TOPP application. To open a BCA account, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/bca](http://www.stonybrook.edu/bca). No refunds can be provided until the end of the academic year unless a student officially withdraws from the University.

The University Bookstore also offers the following services:

*Prepackaged Textbook Program:* Customers who preorder get first selection of all used books in stock. Used books save 25 percent off new-book prices. Reservations must be received 30 days prior to the start of classes. Once your textbook reservation and class schedule are submitted, you will be contacted to confirm your request.

**Textbook Guarantee Program:** Gold Shelf Tags in the textbook department indicate that a professor has ordered a required textbook on time and students are entitled to the following guarantee. If the tag is gold and the required book is not available during the first two weeks of class, you get a \$5 voucher to be used toward the purchase of the book. Restrictions do apply and are posted in the Bookstore.

**Credit Card Authorization:** Parents can place their credit card on file with the University Bookstore to allow students to make purchases. Additional information and a printable Adobe Acrobat PDF version of the enrollment form is available at [www.sunysb.edu/provostliasn/bookstore/students/ccpreauth.html](http://www.sunysb.edu/provostliasn/bookstore/students/ccpreauth.html).

**Parent's Lifeline:** A variety of special services are available for parents, so they can send balloons, cakes for any occasion, flower bouquets, and small care packages. Call (631) 632-6553 to make arrangements.

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday 8:15 am-6:00 pm

Tuesday 8:15 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday/Thursday

8:15 am-6:00 pm

Friday 8:15 am-5:00 pm

Saturday 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Please Note: The bookstore is open for extended hours during the first two weeks of each semester.

The Health Sciences Center (HSC) Bookstore is operated by Matthew's Medical Bookstores under the direction of the Faculty Student Association. Located in Room 310 on Level 2 of the Health Sciences Center, it offers the largest selection of medical/health science books in the region, in addition to textbooks, school supplies, a range of college merchandise, daily necessities, and medical equipment for practitioners. The HSC Bookstore honors special book requests, providing customers with easy access to the hundreds of thousands of medical reference titles available. The HSC Bookstore also carries a wide selection of imprinted clothing and gifts, greeting cards, stationery items, general reading books, and magazines.

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-6:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

For more information, call the HSC Bookstore at (631) 444-3685 or visit [www.matthewsmedsuny.com](http://www.matthewsmedsuny.com)

The University Bookstore and the Health Sciences Center Bookstore are both operated under the direction of the Faculty Student Association's Retail Services Committee. FSA's Bookstore Contracts Administrator, Donna O. Klingel, can be reached at (631) 632-9829 or [Donna.Klingel@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Donna.Klingel@stonybrook.edu)

### Career Center

The Career Center, a member of the Student Affairs family, assists graduate students with all types of career decision-making and planning concerns. Services range from providing industry panels with potential employers to On-Campus Recruiting and job/internship fairs. Graduate students may find the Center's practice interviewing and personal assessment instruments especially helpful in making the transition from an academic setting to the private/public sector. The Career Center offers individual and group counseling on the topics of job-search strategies, résumé writing, and interviewing. Students can access the Center's Web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/career](http://www.stonybrook.edu/career), which has valuable job-search links such as ZebraNet, our comprehensive student résumé database and referral system. Graduate students are invited to visit the Career Center, which is located near the foot of the Zebra Path walkway and on the ground level of the Melville Library, Room W-0550. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Call (631) 632-6810 for an appointment or drop in for an on-the-spot visit with one of our peer counselors.

### Child Care

The University has on-campus, year-round child care services for 160 children ranging in age from two months to five years. Stony Brook Child Care Services is a nonprofit, nationally accredited center providing service for University students, faculty, and staff. The Center is staffed by professionals in the early childhood field who are assisted by students enrolled in coursework practice. Hours of operation vary. Fees are charged on a scale based on income.

The primary aim of the Center is to provide a warm, supportive, and creative atmosphere in which each child and his or her family are regarded as individuals. For more information or an application, call (631) 632-6930.

### Computing Services

The Division of Information Technology

has the overall responsibility for managing the computing, networking, and telecommunications at Stony Brook. The University's computing and networking environment is characterized by an ever-changing array of hardware, software, network connectivity, and consulting services. In addition to the services listed below, which are available to the entire campus community, individual departments offer computing and networking facilities for their constituents.

The campus network is connected to both the commodity Internet at 310 Mbps and Internet2 at 200 Mbps. Both connections are at the OC3 speed, 155MBPS. All of the academic buildings and residence halls are connected to the network with fiber-optic cable. Off-campus access to the computer network is available by calling (631) 762-1000. For additional information about networking services, please refer to the campus home page ([www.stonybrook.edu](http://www.stonybrook.edu)) under "For Students, Division of Information Technology," or call (631) 632-6120.

Two Sunfire 4810 and other Sun application and files servers comprise the administrative computing environment. These machines serve as the administrative servers and database repositories for the University's business systems. Electronic mail is provided through Lotus Notes, Unix mail, and POP3 and IMAP servers. High-speed printing is provided by the three Xerox Docuprint 65 printers. For information about computer accounts, contact the Computer Accounts Office at (631) 632-8011.

Client Support Services are available. For more information call (631) 632-9800.

General computing resources are available to all students through Instructional Computing, with offices in S-1460 Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library (631-632-8050). Here students can use Macintoshes, PCs, and Unix workstations. Student consultants are also available to answer questions and assist students in using these systems (631-632-9602). Students can obtain information on the additional eight public sites as well as documentation for using the various computers. One-hour introductory courses are offered to help students use the public computing facilities. Any Stony Brook student may obtain an account on the instructional computing facilities for e-mail, Internet access, and general computing. Computer accounts are available from the Library SINC site.

## Counseling Center

The University Counseling Center provides consultation, crisis intervention, brief psychotherapy, group and couple's therapy, psychiatric services, and referral services for longer-term therapy for students matriculated in a degree program and who are registered for a minimum of six credits. Counseling services are available year-round and are free of charge. All information about counseling at the Center is strictly confidential, except information that is needed in situations of imminent threat or danger. The Center also provides training in mindfulness meditation, which is recommended for many students who experience anxiety or depression. Consultation is provided on mental health issues to the University as a whole. The University Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Health Center. During the academic year, it is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and on Tuesday, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. During the summer, intersession, and spring recess, it is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Appointments for an initial consultation can be made by calling (631) 632-6720. In emergency situations, students should tell the receptionist that this is an emergency and they will be seen right away without a scheduled appointment.

For mental health emergencies after hours and on weekends, students should call University Police at 911 or go to University Hospital. Students who are not experiencing an emergency but who want to speak with someone after hours or on weekends may call the Response Hotline at (631) 751-7500.

Because adjusting to the University can be stressful, new students are encouraged to come to the Center in their first year rather than wait until they experience a serious crisis. Students should visit the Center's Web site at <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/counsel/> for more details about services and for links to useful resources, including pamphlets on relevant mental health topics.

## Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services (DSS) coordinates advocacy and support services for students with disabilities. These services assist integrating students' needs with the resources available at the University to eliminate physical or programmatic barriers and to ensure an accessible academic environment.

All information and documentation of student disabilities is confidential.

Students are responsible for identifying and documenting their disabilities through the DSS office. Students receive assistance with special modified housing and on-campus transportation. DSS can assist with University procedures and requirements; test accommodations; counseling; and the recruitment of readers, interpreters, and note-takers.

Students who anticipate requiring assistance should contact Disability Support Services at (631) 632-6748/6749 (VOICE/TT is available) as early as possible to allow time for implementing recommended services. For more information, please visit the DSS Web site at <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dss>

## Graduate Student Organization

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) is the duly elected representative body for graduate student governance on campus. All graduate students who pay the activity fee, including those in the School of Professional Development (SPD) and the Health Sciences Center, are members. Each department is eligible to have at least one representative in the GSO Senate, which sets policy and oversees the GSO budget.

The GSO acts as a liaison between the graduate student body and the University administration. The Senate serves as a forum for articulating and formulating graduate student interests. The GSO Executive Council advocates these interests in regular meetings with the University President and the Dean of the Graduate School. The GSO Senate appoints graduate student representatives to a number of influential University advisory and policy-making committees, and dispatches delegates to the University Senate. These representatives advocate graduate student interests within the University's administrative structure and report to the GSO Senate on new policy developments. The GSO is a participating member in both the statewide SUNY Student Assembly and the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS), which advocate for SUNY and graduate-professional students on the New York State and national levels, respectively.

The GSO is also a service-based organization that provides a number of financial services for graduate students at Stony Brook. Resource Allocation Project (RAP) funds, for instance,

provide small travel grants to students presenting scholarly or artistic work at conferences, provided their departments have an active senator. The GSO disburses department allocations (cash grants) to the graduate student body in each department to be used as the students see fit, such as to purchase equipment and supplies or to sponsor a visiting scholar. To guide graduate students in areas such as landlord/tenant and matrimonial law throughout the year, the GSO provides its members with access to a local attorney free of charge, and hires tax preparers each year to assist both domestic and international students with their tax returns. In addition, the GSO publishes *The Graduate Student Survival Guide* at the beginning of each fall semester to provide a "student's eye" perspective on the operations of the Stony Brook campus and the resources available at the University and in the surrounding communities.

The GSO office is located in the Student Activities Center, Room 227. For more information log onto [www.sbgso.org](http://www.sbgso.org), call (631) 632-6492, or e-mail [gso@ic.sunysb.edu](mailto:gso@ic.sunysb.edu)

## Student Activity Fee

The Student Activity Fee enables the GSO to provide its members with access to valuable and unique programs and services each semester. Any student can apply to the GSO for a waiver of the student activity fee prior to the deadline stipulated on the GSO Web site.

## Intensive English Center

E-5320 Melville Library  
Stony Brook University  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3390  
Phone: (631) 632-7031  
Fax: (631) 632-6544  
Web site: [www.sunysb.edu/iec](http://www.sunysb.edu/iec)  
E-mail: [IEC@stonybrook.edu](mailto:IEC@stonybrook.edu)

The Intensive English Center (IEC) offers non-credit courses on a year-round basis: a spring semester starting in late January, a fall semester starting in early September, and a six-week summer program starting in mid July. Students are placed in levels ranging from low intermediate through pre-academic advanced by means of comprehensive diagnostic examinations in the beginning of each session. Classes meet five days a week for a minimum of 18 hours. Core courses include daily instruction in speaking, listening, read-

ing, and writing skills. These courses are supplemented by elective courses that include: Grammar, Oral Communication, Pronunciation/Accent Improvement, TOEFL Preparation, American Film and Culture, and Business English.

During the summer, the IEC offers full-time and part-time programs supplemented by cultural and recreational activities. Students who have a minimum TOEFL score of 75 (iBT) may take the IEC part-time program and enroll in credit-bearing university courses.

The IEC welcomes graduate students who wish to improve their English proficiency or to satisfy the Graduate School's English proficiency requirements. The TOEFL requirement may be waived for prospective graduate students with a minimum TOEFL score of iBT 75 who successfully complete the advanced level with a grade of B or better.

The IEC will issue an I-20 form (for an F-1 visa) to applicants who meet IEC admission requirements. For applications and more information, please contact the IEC office.

### International Academic Programs

The Office of International Academic Programs administers programs with overseas universities and also brings students from other countries to this campus. Graduate students who intend to study or do research abroad should contact this office to complete University-mandated health and personal forms.

For more information, call (631) 632-7031 or visit the office in E-5340 Melville Library.

### International Services

The Graduate School  
Suite 2401 Computer Science Bldg.

Phone: (631) 632-INTL (4685)

Fax: (631) 632-7243

*[www.grad.sunysb.edu/international](http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/international)*

E-mail: *[InternationalServices@stonybrook.edu](mailto:InternationalServices@stonybrook.edu)*

International Services provides advice and assistance on U.S. government immigration regulations and cross-cultural issues relating to study, teaching, research, and living in the United States. International student and scholar advisers are the Designated School Officials (DSO) and Responsible and Alternate Responsible Officers (ARO) on campus who are responsible for assisting students and scholars in obtaining and maintaining valid F-1 or J-1 status in the United States.

Students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States typically enter the U.S. in non-immigrant F-1 student or J-1 exchange visitor status. Certificates of Eligibility (Form I-20 for F-1 status or Form DS2019 for J-1 status) will be required when applying for an F-1 or J-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. Certificates of Eligibility are issued to students who have been admitted to a full-time program of study, have provided proof of financial support for their proposed program of study, and have provided proof of English language proficiency. Students who are not yet proficient in English may wish to apply to the Intensive English Center.

### Orientation and Registration

International Services provides a mandatory orientation program for all new and transfer international students before the start of classes. International students are required to arrive on campus by the first day of orientation and attend all mandatory orientation sessions. Details about arrival and orientation are contained in the arrival booklet and letter from International Services. New non-immigrant students are required to report to an international student adviser at the start of the semester for a personal interview. Students transferring from another U.S. school must coordinate the transfer process with their current school and report to an international student adviser during orientation to complete the transfer procedure.

### After Orientation

International Services is required to make many reports to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Student and Exchange Information System (SEVIS) to record arrival on campus, full-time enrollment, changes of address, changes in program, and other issues. International students must familiarize themselves with these SEVIS requirements in order to comply with U.S. immigration regulations. It is important for students to maintain contact with their international student advisers for advice and assistance. Each semester, workshops on various topics are held for international students. International Services also serves as a liaison between students and the community Host Family Program.

### Libraries

The Stony Brook campus has a number of libraries established to meet the

informational and cultural needs of the University community. The Frank Melville Jr. Library (Main Library) provides both an intellectual and physical focal point for the campus and is among the largest academic libraries in the nation. Within the Melville Library are collections in biology, computer science, engineering, fine arts and music, general science, geosciences, humanities, and social sciences. Service units in this building provide ready access to 41,700 current print and online periodicals, more than 7,000 feature or educational videos and DVDs, government documents, music scores, maps, microfilm, and legal material. Other service units of note are the Music Library and Listening Center, a Patents and Trademarks Depository, a student lounge, two instructional computing classrooms, a video viewing center, and a variety of study areas.

The Reference Department in the Central Reading Room includes print, microfilm, and online indexes to current periodicals, encyclopedias, information, specialized reference works, and 47 computer workstations. Reference staff (nine librarians) provide on-demand assistance and instruction in searching for and evaluating information, using library resources, and doing research in particular areas. AskALibrarian, offering e-mail and chat (Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm), provides online reference assistance. To reach a reference librarian call 632-7110.

The Special Collections Department houses the Senator Jacob K. Javits Collection of 2 million items of memorabilia and private papers, as well as the William Butler Yeats Microfilmed Manuscripts Collection, the University Archives, the Environmental Defense records, and holdings of many Long Island political, cultural, and business manuscripts and records.

Three science branch libraries in other buildings—Chemistry, Math/Physics/Astronomy, and the Marine and Atmospheric Sciences Information Center (MASIC)—provide more specialized resources and services in their subject areas. The Health Sciences Library, separately administered, is located on the East Campus in the Health Sciences Center, Level 3. Collectively, the University libraries contain more than 2.2 million bound volumes and 3.8 million microforms. Library holdings may be accessed through the Stony Brook Automated Retrieval

System (STARS), the online catalog that displays the holdings of all West Campus libraries, with the exception of materials that are not completely cataloged (i.e., some government documents, detailed microfilm contents, special collections, University archives, and maps). The Health Sciences Library catalog is accessible on the Library home page.

The University libraries have a wide range of leased online resources including subscriptions to more than 300 electronic databases, books, and archives, as well as more than 40,000 electronic full-text journals. Computer workstations are located throughout the library's facilities. Web access is available to most of its specialized databases from all personal computers on campus. Off-campus Web access to most of the library's online resources is available to users with a valid Stony Brook ID. Instructions for using the databases are available on the library's home page. Assistance may also be obtained from the DoIt Web site, Instructional Computing Center, Reference Department, and most library service desks.

The library sponsors or co-sponsors author readings, concerts, exhibits, lectures, and tours throughout the year. Check the library or University home page or other campus newsletters for dates and events.

Brochures, handouts, and information sheets explaining library policies, how to use the library, how to access electronic resources, how to do research, and where books, magazines, and services are located are available in the Central Reading Room on the first floor or in Circulation Services on the third floor of the Melville Library. Additional detailed information on library activities, building maps, collections, offices, and services is also available online.

When classes are in session, the Melville Library is generally open from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm (Central Reading Room to 2:00 am) Monday through Thursday; 8:30 am to 8:00 pm on Friday; 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday; and 12:00 pm to 12:00 am on Sunday (Central Reading Room to 10:00 pm). Study hours are extended just before final exams. The schedule varies in the winter and session sessions. The library's information phone line is (631) 632-7160; it is available continuously with a recording of the current hours and any emergency information. For further information check our Web page: [www.stonybrook.edu/library](http://www.stonybrook.edu/library)

### **Off Campus Housing**

Off Campus Housing, located in the FSA Suite, Room 250 of the Stony Brook Union, is available to assist students in finding off-campus living arrangements. This service includes a searchable database of available rental housing options, tenant information, tips for renters, listings of short-term and interim housing, bed and breakfast, hotel and motel information, and local transportation information and maps. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Call (631) 632-6770 or visit the Web site, which contains an interactive database, at <http://och.vpsa.sunysb.edu>

### **Ombuds Office**

The services of the University Ombuds Office are available to all students, faculty, and staff. The office provides an informal, receptive place to turn for help if you are having trouble getting through a bureaucratic maze or need help resolving a dispute or problem related to your life or work at the University. All matters handled by the Ombuds Office remain confidential. Depending on the nature of the question or problem, the Ombuds Office might offer specific advice or informal mediation, provide information, or make the appropriate referral to facilitate a resolution. The Ombuds Office is also open to those who simply need someone to listen impartially and privately and to suggest a course of action. The University Ombuds Office is located in Room W-0505, Melville Library. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Walk-in visits are possible, but scheduled appointments are recommended. The phone number is (631) 632-9200.

### **Stony Brook Union**

The Stony Brook Union is a magnet for concerts, dances, movies, parties, student activities, and a great place to meet new friends. The Lounge on the main floor is a very visible place to become part of the action and participate in all the fun. You can find sales of clothing, jewelry, plants, posters, etc., all in the lobby area. The Stony Brook Union has seven meeting rooms, a 350-seat auditorium, a ballroom, an information center, crafts center, Interfaith Center, café, barber shop, UNITI Cultural Center, Off-Campus Housing Office, an ATM machine, and Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

There are several places to go to for a

quick bite or a relaxing lunch: Delancey Street Kosher Deli, Fusion, the Union Deli, Union Station, the University Café, and Wolfies. They all offer an appetizing array of possibilities.

The Stony Brook Union serves as the headquarters for many student groups. In addition, the student newspapers; WUSB-FM (90.1), the University radio station; television station and audio-visual services; and a new, 100-computer SINC site are all located in the Union. The Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council Office is on the lower level and the Interfaith Center's Ministries' offices and lounges are on the second floor, offering Baptist, Catholic, Islamic, Jewish, and Protestant services and activities that are open to all. Religious and personal counseling services for students of these and other denominations are also provided through the Interfaith Center. For more information about the Center, please call (631) 632-6565.

### **Student Activities Center**

The Student Activities Center (SAC) opened in 1997 and forever changed the way students, faculty, and staff interact on campus. Everyone seems to come to the Center at some part of the day, for either a meal, a program, an exhibit, a meeting, or an activity. From the soaring windows in the two-story dining hall that overlook the Academic Mall, you are treated to a panoramic view stretching from the Administration Building to the east, and Earth and Space Sciences to the west.

Services offered within the Center include a wireless network (first and third floors); the Seawolves Marketplace convenience store; U.S. Post Office; a full-service bank with ATMs; an auditorium that seats 595; two multi-purpose ballrooms; an art gallery; a courtyard; nine meeting rooms; offices for clubs and organizations; a ticket office; several lounges; and two Wellness Centers where you can work out. There are lockers available for commuters in the lower level. Administrative offices for the Dean of Students and Commuter Student Services are located on the second floor, as are offices for Student Activities, Reservations, and Facilities/Operations managers.

### **Hours of Operation for the Student Activities Center and Stony Brook Union**

During the fall and spring semesters both buildings are open Monday

through Friday, 7:30 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. During recesses and intercession it is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 7:00 pm and is closed New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Note: Hours are subject to change. For more specific building hours information, call (631) 632-6820.

### **The Department of Campus Recreation Wellness Center**

*Have a Ball with Campus Recreation:* Don't just sit there on the bench! Get into the game by trying one of the many programs the Department of Campus Recreation sponsors every year just for you. These programs include intramural sports, fitness programs, informal recreation, sport clubs, special events, and equipment rentals. Our primary goal is to enhance the quality of life on campus for students, faculty, and staff by providing a diversity of programs and facilities to meet their recreational needs. Here are some of the programs you can join:

*Informal Recreation:* Commonly referred to as "Open Rec", it gives individuals the opportunity to participate in drop-in activities such as badminton, basketball, fitness activities, indoor soccer, racquetball, squash, swimming, and volleyball. Weekly schedules are available through the Department of Campus Recreation. Advance reservations are necessary for racquetball and squash court use.

*Intramural Sports:* Offers opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to participate in team and individual sport competitions. Sports include basketball, bowling, dodgeball, flag football, indoor and outdoor soccer, softball, volleyball, and wiffleball. Special tournaments are scheduled for badminton, racquetball, and tennis. Individuals as well as teams are encouraged to participate in intramurals. Pick up entry forms in the main lobby of the Sports Complex or stop by the Department of Campus Recreation (located on the bottom floor of the Pritchard Gymnasium). Regular season games are played Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Our most popular intramural/recreational sport activities are 5-on-5 basketball, indoor soccer, the ski trip, and whitewater rafting.

*Fitness Programs:* Fitness classes are scheduled in the Student Activity Center Aerobic Studios located on the

Lower Level Room 010 and the Sports Complex Dance studio. Fitness classes include: body sculpting, boot camp, kickboxing, Pilates, resistance ball, spinning, step aerobics, and yoga.

*Wellness Center:* The Wellness Center is located on the third floor of the Student Activities Center Room 307. Amenities include Cardio Theater, cardiovascular equipment, free weights, locker rooms, physioballs, selectorized weight training circuit, shower facilities, and strength training equipment. The Wellness Center is fully equipped with cardiovascular equipment, including: bikes, Concepts II rowers, Cybex Arc trainers, elliptical trainers, and Life Fitness treadmills.

*Sport Clubs:* The sport club program is an integral part of campus recreation. It fills the void between intramural sports activities and intercollegiate athletics. Sport clubs provide our students the opportunity to participate in highly competitive sport activities, learn new skills, improve skill levels, and enjoy the recreational and social benefits derived from sports involvement. Sport clubs are formed by students who are motivated by a common interest and have a desire to participate in a sports activity. A sport club may be oriented toward competition, recreation, teaching, or solely socialization purposes.

### **Student Activities**

The Office of Student Activities is the primary focal point for the planning, coordination, and implementation of a broad range of cultural, developmental, educational, leadership, recreational, and social programs. The office consists of four functional areas: Clubs and Organizations and Weekend Life; Fraternities and Sororities; Leisure Programs and Art Gallery; and Student Media. The organizational structure compliments this mission: to provide student programs and services, to foster student development, to interact and collaborate with all facets of campus life for activities and program development, and to provide experimental opportunities for the acquisition of skills.

Student Activities provides a variety of programs and services to facilitate the co-curricular and personal development of Stony Brook students and the campus community. Students experience opportunities for leadership development and personal growth. The

Activities staff offers assistance in organizational development and program advisement to more than 300 student clubs and organizations and 32 fraternities and sororities. Staff members work with students on the event planning process, and help clubs and organizations with block booking, budget issues, evaluation of events, meeting space, program advisement, recognition for new clubs, space reservation, technical requirements for student-sponsored events, and the annual registration process for student groups. The office coordinates many traditional campus-wide programs, such as Campus Life Time, the Commencement speaker selection process, Opening Week Activities/Chill-Fest, Roth Regatta, and Student Activities Fairs. Activities staff collaborate with other departments to implement other major campus programs such as Diversity Day, Homecoming, Strawberry Festival, and many more.

### **Craft Center**

Located in the basement of the Student Union, the Craft Center provides the students with a place to relax, develop their creative spirit, and meet new people. In its noncredit courses, students can learn about beaded jewelry, ceramics/pottery, drawing, Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement), painting, photography, and many other art forms. They can also take part in the leisure classes with choices such as defensive driving and bartending. In the studio, members often get hands-on expertise from its friendly and competent instructors. Different community events such as the popular craft night (once a semester), craftmaking at campus festivals, and pottery sales (about four per semester), put the Craft Center amongst the student's favorites. Overall, the Craft Center is a must-see for the creative student on a budget.

### **Student Media**

High-quality noncommercial FM radio is provided for the campus and community, reflecting a broad spectrum of educational, informational, musical, and news programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on WUSB 90.1 FM. The Student Media office sponsors independent projects and internships. The office coordinates fundraisers for the radio station and advises student media groups, including closed-circuit TV, journals, newspapers, and online media. There are several news organizations on campus: *Statesman*, *Stony Brook*

*Press, SB Independent, AA E-Zine, Blackworld, and Korean Life.* SBU-TV is the television station on campus and students are able to learn about the TV industry and produce news and entertainment shows.

### **Student Health Services**

Student Health Services is located on the first floor of the Infirmary Building and provides for the health needs of registered students. For more information, please refer to the Student Health Service section in the next chapter on Financial and Residential Information.

### **Veterans Affairs**

The Office of Veterans Affairs (VA), located in Room 347 of the Administration Building, offers services in applying for VA educational benefits. All veterans, veterans' dependents, and active duty personnel may utilize these services. Stony Brook University is approved for the education of veterans, service members, and dependents of veterans eligible for benefits under the programs of the Veterans Administration.

New veteran students should report to the Office of Veterans Affairs at the time of application to the University. All veterans need to report after registration for each new semester. Since benefit allowances and VA policies and

procedures are subject to change, veteran students should maintain regular contact with the office at (631) 632-6700 or [OSA\\_VETS@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:OSA_VETS@notes.cc.sunysb.edu)

The office also provides certification and tuition deferment services. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, visit the Web site at [www.sunysb.edu/stuaff/vets](http://www.sunysb.edu/stuaff/vets) or call the office at (631) 632-6700.

Information regarding VA benefits, including eligibility, payment information, remaining entitlement, or the address of the nearest regional office is available through the VA at 1-888-GIBill-1 (1-888-442-4551).

### **Transfer Credit from Military Service**

For information about transfer credit from military service school, please make an appointment with the Office of Admissions/Transfer.

Military service school courses will be evaluated with reference to the recommendation of the American Council on Education when official credentials/transcripts have been presented by the student to the Office of Admissions. Such recommendations are not binding upon the University. In no instance may any of the hours of credit be substituted for specific courses, but they may be substituted for electives.

Students who have successfully completed basic training in the armed forces

may receive semester hours of elective credit by presenting a DD214, DD295, a copy of a Community College of the Air Force transcript, or a certificate of training to the Office of Admissions.

### **Writing Center**

The Writing Center is the tutorial component of the Program in Writing and Rhetoric, and it provides free, individual mentoring for writing to all members of the Stony Brook University community. The tutors at the center work with a wide range of students, staff, and faculty, and they are sensitive to the needs of native English speakers as well as the concerns of people whose primary language is not English. Tutors are trained to work with all aspects of writing and will address a broad range of writing issues such as planning, organizing, revising, and editing. Although they cannot edit or proofread writers' work for academic honesty reasons, they do model and practice strategies of effective proofreading and editing. The Writing Center offers appointments and drop-in sessions (although availability is often limited), and online tutorial by e-mail. Please call (631) 632-7405 for the current schedule and an appointment, or visit [www.stonybrook.edu/writingcenter](http://www.stonybrook.edu/writingcenter). The office is located in Humanities 2009.

