A post on the Stony Brook Compliments' Facebook page inspired a group of students to express their appreciation for beloved local Dunkin' Donuts employee, Zamir. Above, Zamir poses with student Daniel Ahmadizadeh.

**Health insurance on the rise for students**

By Nelson Oliveira
Senior Staff Writer

Students who use Stony Brook University's health insurance returned this semester to see a 27 percent increase on their bills. The difference is because the spring semester covers two additional months, but the rate could spike again next semester as a result of the new health care law.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the university lost about 1,000 members "presumably due to the Affordable Care Act," Angela Agnello, director of marketing and communications at the Faculty Student Association, said, and if that number continues to go down, "student health insurance premiums may continue to increase."

Under the Affordable Care Act, young adults can now be insured as dependents on their parents' health insurance until the age of 26.

"When we lose members, the cost is amortized across the existing membership," Agnello said.

The new law also forced the university to add coverage for preventive services and increase prescription coverage, according to Agnello.

The campus' health insurance is billed to all full-time and selected medicine students.

The rate is $942 this semester, up from $682 in the fall, a 260 percent increase. Comparatively, the spring 2012 semester rate was $762, while the fall of 2011 rate was $553, a change of $209 from one semester to the next.

The rate has increased from $553 to $942 in three semesters, then, nearly doubling.

The spring semester coverage goes from mid-January to mid-August while the fall semester coverage goes from mid-August to mid-January.

Students who are already insured should waive the required health insurance on SOLAR by Feb. 15.

**Black History Month Opening Ceremony speaker encourages more black student activism**

By Yoos Seo Nam
Staff Writer

Shaun Harper, a faculty member of the Graduate School of Education, Africana Studies, and Gender Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, encouraged the revival of black student activism at the Black History Month Opening Ceremony on Wednesday at Stony Brook University.

"It was student activism that got us much of what we have come to enjoy as black students on predominantly white campuses," he said.

Harper attributed a "decline of student activism" to the facts that students did not know how to show their demands. He thought that black students should "utilize technological resources" in the protest for a favorable environment for black students on campuses.

"Martin Luther King didn't have a website or Facebook or Twitter account to convey message across the country to get movement started," he continued. "But you have those things."

Harper also argued that structural or numerical diversities were insufficient.

**Stony Brook runs on Zamir**

**SB Compliments hosts thank you event for local Dunkin Donuts employee**

By Sarah Elsesser
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Compliments stepped out of the Facebook world and into the real one on Feb. 1, 2013, to thank and recognize Zamir, a dedicated and loved Dunkin' Donuts worker, on behalf of Stony Brook students.

The founder of the popular Stony Brook Compliments page, who wished to stay anonymous, created the page during finals week and now the page and its admins are doing more than just posting compliments.

I have a plan for Compliments to take it beyond Facebook," the founder said in a previous interview. This is exactly what they did with this thank you.

Most students found out about the event through Facebook. This "Epic Thank You," as the event was called, was intended to highlight an extraordinary community member and allow students to show their gratitude.

"Zamir is always doing things for everyone else," Tobin George, a sophomore undecided major, said.

"When I saw the post about him on the compliments page I made sure to like it and decided that I definitely had to go to the thank you event."

When the time came for operation "Epic Thank You for Zamir," the name according to the Facebook event page, students met at the train station at 10 p.m., and walked over together with signs and cards to surprise Zamir.

"Overall the attendance was Continued on page 3
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By Giselle Barkley
Coordinating Editor

Three-hundred-and-fifty kids braced their teeth at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine’s 11th annual “Give Kids a Smile Day.” The four hour event, held Feb. 1 for children aged 1 to 17, commenced at 2 p.m. at the School of Dental Medicine. Parents bailed about with their kids in tow, registering and waiting for their appointments. “Give Kids a Smile Day” is a national children’s dental access program that was started in 2002 in St. Louis, Mo., by a dentist who wanted to help underprivileged children, according to Dean Ray C. Williams of the School of Dental Medicine.

The program is held in February, which is also known as National Children’s Dental Health month.

The program provides dental access to children with insufficient health services nationwide who either cannot afford dental care or do not possess dental insurance.

Children receive free fluoride treatments and oral health education, as well as dental screenings, cleanings and sealants, if needed.

According to Williams, the school will see 250 to 400 children annually.

Forty to 45 percent of those children become patients of the school as stated by Carol Sloane, Director of Clinic Operations.

Despite this turn out following the event, acquiring patients is not the school’s main goal.

“Rather than tell them to come back, we tell them how to get dental care,” Dr. Rhonda Sherwin said.

Children leave their appointments with goodie bags and a report card detailing their dental hygiene, what needs improvement, and a list of dentists and locations where the family can receive affordable local care.

During the event, families were attended to by 63 pre-doctoral second and third year dental students.

According to second year dental student Paola Otero, second year students serve as dental assistants while third year students perform the procedures.

The dental providers also include 10 faculty members, two pediatric dental residents, fifteen dental assistant students.

The school’s dental auxiliary Michael Fitzpatrick and Andrew Garbarino, among others. Even Wolfe made an appearance, capturing the attention of several young children who waited for their appointments.

Inventors of the program, such as Henry Schein Dental, Colgate and Dexis, sponsor the event and help the American Dental Association provide free dental supplies.

Whatever is not supplied by the sponsors are purchased through the New York State Department of Health Preventative Grant, which was awarded to the School of Dental Medicine in July of 2011.

Faculty and student members volunteer their time to give children a smile annually in February.

Aiding the community, especially those in need, with “Give Kids a Smile Day” is vital to Stony Brook’s School of Dental Medicine.

According to Sherwin, students who do not possess such a willingness to give back and aid their community in this manner “have found the wrong place.”

“That woman and that woman would walk on coal to help one child,” Williams said of both Director of Clinic Operations Carol Sloane and Dr. Rhonda Sherwin.

staff and health professionals from the Suffolk County Dental Society are also in attendance, as well as students and faculty from Farmingdale Dental Hygiene.

According to Williams, initially the school offered free dental services to one school district in Long Island.

Eventually the school opened the event to all school districts in Suffolk County five years ago.

This year the School of Dental Medicine has partnered with three places in Suffolk County including the State University of New York at Farmingdale Dental Hygiene Clinic, St. Charles Hospital Dental Clinic in Port Jefferson and the Suffolk County Dental Society.

The expansion of the program has even attracted politicians like Sen. John Flanagan and Assemblymen Steve Engelbrit, Karyn Devine, of Yaphank, N.Y., waits to get her teeth cleaned by the dental school’s 11th annual “Give a Kid a Smile Day” last Friday. The event is a national children’s dental access program that was started in 2002.

Carlos Marin, of Centereach, N.Y., brought his daughter Selena, 8, to get her teeth cleaned as her job does not offer dental coverage. Marin called the event a “great idea.”
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Roth Cafe changes bring Red Mango and second Starbucks location

By Rolyne Joseph

Stony Brook University's Faculty Student Association Board of Directors (FSA) has approved the Campus Dining Resolutions Committee's 2012-2013 meal plan proposal which will include a side dining room with a new cafe, featuring Red Mango and Starbucks at Roth Cafe.

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Roth Cafe featuring Red Mango is expected to be completed in spring of 2013. Red Mango will feature three yogurt machines, each machine will offer six flavors, including the option for three swirl mixes. The restaurant will feature toppings as well as a line of smoothies, according to the FSA website.

The Campus Dining Resolutions Committee, which includes 12 students, staff members from the food service provider and FSA, recommended Red Mango because of extensive reviews and analysis from customers' inputs and comments.

The committee adhered to Campus Dining Services to provide yogurt creations customized to Stony Brook creations and Yogurt, the Roth Regatta, Agnello said. After the FSA and the Campus Dining Services received positive student feedback and input, they decided to add Red Mango at the university.

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The FSA expects Starbucks and Red Mango to be popular and attractive to students. "Our hope is that more students will dine at Roth Food Court," Villacci said.

Students thank Zamir

"I would sometimes come to just see him."

Many students say that Zamir's generosity and friendly personality are what keeps them coming back. "I always come to Dunkin Donuts and Zamir is always so friendly," Mariah Gorrizano, senior biology major, said. "He is always throwing in something extra and I wanted to thank him."

While the event was filled with those who couldn't make the opportunity to express their gratitude, there were a few people who didn't know him, but wanted to be involved. "I didn't know who Zamir was at first," Alessandra Vintori, a senior math and Italian double major, said. "But now that I know about him, I want to come back and get to know him better."

The founder of the Stony Brook Compliments page expressed how successful this thank you was and plans on doing more of them in the near future. Kindness is something that keeps coming back. I thank Zamir for teaching me this lesson which I did not find in any of my textbooks."

On December, 17, 2012, a male patient at the University Hospital was arrested after assaulting a female nurse.

On December, 18, 2012, a male non-student went to pick up his car, which was impounded by police for not having a registration. When police ran his name, they saw that he had two outstanding warrants for arrest and he was released to Suffolk police.

On Friday, November 30, 2012, a male commuter student and a male resident student were arrested and charged for assaulting and robbing a male resident student. The case is pending in court.

On Monday, December 17, 2012, a male patient at the University Hospital was arrested after assaulting a female nurse.

On Tuesday, December 18, 2012, a male non-student was arrested for trespassing after being found in a dormitory in Mount College.

On Monday, December 10, 2012, a man was arrested during a dental appointment when he attempted to steal the dentist's tools while the dentist was out of the room. The other man was arrested for the unlawful possession of marijuana.

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What do Jeff Bezos, Russell Simmons, Ben Cohen, Jerry Greenfield and Vanessa Rosa have in common? If you haven't a clue, Jeff Bezos is the founder and CEO of Amazon, the renowned web site. Russell Simmons is a music industry mogul and Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield are the dynamic duo better known as Ben's and Jerry's. By contrast, SBU Alum Vanessa Rosa is much less well known, but shares a very significant something with these captains of industry.

What is that something? They have all been wildly successful in their careers. They also had a common experience in spite of having strikingly different careers paths. To give another clue, their recipes for success were all different yet had one common ingredient. Still uncertain?

They have all worked in food services when they were students, and contrary to some people's perceptions, each one feels that their food service work experience made a noteworthy contribution to their future successes.

To give just one example that is closer to home, Vanessa Rosa, who is a Class of '01 Alum and worked in SBU campus dining for several years, had this to say about her SBU dining job experience:

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The first Undergraduate Student Government Senate meeting for the spring semester revealed that applications are being accepted for seats of College of Arts and Sciences Senator. Those interested in a position should submit an application by 5 p.m. on Feb. 11 to annalubitz@stonybrookusg.org or on ZebraNet.

Professor Eduardo Mendieta attended the meeting to present MOOC—Massive Open Online Courses. With a task force charged by the Provost to explore options for the future of online courses at Stony Brook, students are highly encouraged to provide input and feedback at a town hall meeting to be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Wang Center Theater.

Mendieta described MOOCs as a way for students to "get ahead" and that such courses have the potential to "go global" through its open access. These online courses have been found at other institutions such as Harvard and MIT.

More information about MOOCs can be found at stonybrook.edu/onlinelearning or by emailing online_learning@stonybrook.edu.

As for other reasons to hold town hall meetings, senators suggested talks regarding Stony Brook’s tobacco policy, concern over the condition on campus roads for commuters, access to contraceptives and sustainability on campus. If any of these meetings are to be held, information on time and location will be posted around campus as well as on the USC website.

At the meeting it was apparent how Hurricane Sandy affected budget spending for some campus clubs, as events had to be cancelled or moved around.
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Winter break is over, class is back in session and the stresses that come with school are back. In order to help students combat their workloads, from Jan. 26 to March 2, Stony Brook is hosting Chillfest. Chillfest is a series of events that are meant to ease students back into the workings of college life by giving them activities to do around campus. Activities vary to accommodate and unite the diverse student body to create a more interactive and open environment.

Events range from a Welcome Back Breakfast for commuter students on Feb. 6, Shabbat services all throughout Chillfest, the Lunar New Year Gala on Feb. 13 for the Asian Student Alliance and a comedy show for the African Student Union on March 2.

Chillfest is run by a subdivision of the Student Activities called the Weekend Life Council. One of Weekend Life's advisers is Jim Carr, who speaks very highly of the council. "They're very creative and hardworking," Carr said. "Weekend Life is compiled of employees of Student Activities. Anyone can apply, but our selections are typically in the spring, so we don't have any freshmen. But we love it when kids sign up and collaborate on ideas."

Recently, Weekend Life hosted a laser tag event, cosponsored by the Garners' Guild. The Guild offered video games in SAC Ballroom B while students waited to wage laser war in SAC Ballroom A.

This is not the first time laser tag has been at Stony Brook, and its return is no accident. In spring 2012, laser tag opened to 300 students. After playing an exceptionally exciting round of laser tag, students showed off their excitement. Oksana Kachmarchyk, a sophomore business management major, said she enjoyed the "fun in spending time with friends. It's really exciting."

On Thursday, Jan 31, Project Sunshine held a masquerade ball as a part of Chillfest featuring food, dancing and a DJ.

Chillfest's variety makes it one of the most detailed events planned during the semester. Because it is so long, it gives nearly every student an opportunity to participate in the event.

There is a similarly oriented program, Opening Activities, that takes place in the fall semester and also targets a wide range of students. Chillfest really does get students involved. Lisette Nuñez, a sophomore political science major, is one of those students. While she was at Chillfest, she was already thinking of new ways to improve it. For example, she thinks a movie screening would be a great idea for the coming year, or maybe even a bowling trip.

While both of events have occurred at Stony Brook in the past, that does not mean it cannot happen again.

In celebration of Heart Smart Month, a cooking demonstration and tasting is being held on Feb. 6 at 12 p.m. in the SAC. Participants will learn how to cook upscale dishes while listening to guest speakers. For more information, visit the upstairs dining room in the SAC.

Student composers perform with the professional group the Contemporary Chamber Players on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Staller Center. Admission is free to all.

USG is hosting a spring comedy show featuring John Oliver and Wyatt Cenac of the Daily Show, on Feb 11. Tickets are available now.
"30 Rock" and "Community:" low ratings, high quality

By Will Rhino
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Television is a business that thrives on the number of viewers who tune in to a show in any given week. These viewers are calculated by the Nielsen ratings. That phrase alone can strike fear and rage into the hearts of TV viewers.

A low viewership never bodes well for a show, because that determines whether or not a program will renewed.

With last week's "30 Rock" series finale and the upcoming season premiere of "Community," the question and "Outstanding Supporting Actress in A Comedy Series." Tina Fey has also won an Emmy for "Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series." The show's sixth season was its low point in the Nielsen ratings, which resulted in the seventh season being its last. The fate of "Community" has always been tumultuous at best, but the season four premiere has every critic watching to see what happens.

These two shows are not the only critically acclaimed shows that have obsessive fans throughout the history of the TV landscape is " Arrested Development," a critic favorite which was cancelled with a 3.4 million viewer count—similar to "30 Rock" and "Community." It also had its fair share of Emmy nod. However, despite being cancelled years ago, it is getting a fourth season on Netflix.

Joel McHale stars as the main character for NBC's "Community."

With last week's "30 Rock" also aired on this network finished its third season with a series low of 2.99 million viewers.

Despite this, Community has won countless awards. It won the Best Comedy Series at the Critics' Choice Awards, determined by The Broadcast Television Journalists Association.

"Community" also frequently wins many awards in which fan polls decide who gets the victory. It has won "TV Guide Magazine" Fan Favorite Award and was on the cover of the magazine that month. "TIME" has also listed one episode of "Community" in its top 10 TV episodes of 2012 list.

The fate of "Community" has always been tumultuous at best, but the season four premiere has every critic watching to see what happens. These two shows are not the only critically acclaimed shows that have obsessive fans and high award counts; they just happen to be the most relevant on TV right now.

One of the best examples
"Warm Bodies" leads in the box office, but lacks heart

By Jon Winkler

Is it a relief that vampires and werewolves are not in constant demand for fantasy in pop culture anymore? Depends on your preference, but most people are probably pretty sad.

When the "Twilight" franchise became a smashing success, vampires were in demand on television, in books and in more movies. But with "Twilight" finally put to rest, what is the new creature to run fantasy film? It is still the undead, believe it or not.

Zombies are the new craving in pop culture. They dominate the media landscape with television, books and new movies, but pure zombie-survival movies will eventually bore the public. There has to be a game changing zombie movie.

The zombies have changed, the settings have changed but the genre itself has not been touched. Zombies are supposed to be scary, but writer-director Jonathan Levine ("50/50") believes that zombies can have a heart, a soul and maybe even a crush.

While the end-product of that vision, "Warm Bodies," is an interesting concept, the film just doesn't get off the ground. "Warm Bodies" skids for its 97-minute duration without any sparks in romance, great action or memorable moments.

The film centers on R (Nicholas Hoult), a zombie wandering around the ruins of an airport eight years after an outbreak of the undead.

He questions his purpose in life now that his diet consists of human flesh and wonders what his pre-outbreak life, which he has no recollection of, was like.

On a trek through the city, he and his undead brethren come across a group of human scavengers. R and his group instinctively attack, though R is conflicted about it. When R sees Julie (Teresa Palmer), a furious, shotgun-wielding blonde, he is smitten and feels he can win her over despite having just eaten the brains of her boyfriend Perry (Dave Franco).

He keeps her safe in an old airplane as they listen to old records and marvel at R's collection of trinkets. R continues to eat Perry's brain to gain flashes of Perry's memories. R claims that this extreme method serves a double purpose. It keeps Perry from resurrecting as a zombie, and the brain provides R his only taste of memories.

Julie knows that R is different and starts to have feelings for him as his speech, walk and body temperature change. R's change of heart spreads to other zombies, and Julie begins warming up to the idea that the undead and the living can coexist.

What is not possible is a unity between the good intentions of Levine and a believable story.

Levine distracts the viewers from the point he is trying to make by punching too many holes in the zombie format. In the film, zombies can talk (however slowly), drive and think.

Nicholas Hoult and Teresa Palmer never show any chemistry, but that could be because it is hard for a zombie to be charming toward a woman, and vice-versa. It's easy to make comparisons between Edward and Bella of "Twilight" and R and Julie of "Warm Bodies;" both franchises feature a chance meeting between a pale, undead boy and an awkward, sheltered girl. Palmer is actually much more appealing as Julie than Kristen Stewart was as Bella, but Hoult does not offer the mystique that Robert Pattinson's Edward gave off.

Not even R's inner monologues during the film make him interesting. The fault is primarily on Levine, whose script goes downhill from a promising beginning. He compares the lifeless zombies in the airport to the humans, glued to their phones and ignoring connection with each other.

From there, "Warm Bodies" becomes really boring and disappointing.

Levine also loses points for misusing and restraining great actors like Rob Corddry (R's friend M) and John Malkovich (Julie's father). The two fall to wayside as Hoult and Palmer take center stage. M is used primarily as a zombie liaison, and Malkovich spends what seems like a mere five minutes in the movie at the very end.

"Warm Bodies" was made to move beyond standard fantasy romance tropes such as vampires and werewolves. On Valentine's Day, witches will be given the same opportunity in the upcoming "Beautiful Creatures."

Like "Warm Bodies," the film's focus will be on aesthetics rather than on story or development. Although "Warm Bodies" was based on a novel by Isaac Marion, Levine could have done so much more with this movie. As a zombie movie and a romantic comedy, "Warm Bodies" cannot be taken seriously. It may have been an interesting, unique concept, but it turned out to be a cold-hearted disappointment.
Spring semester brings warm weather and new campus clubs

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

Nearly every semester, new clubs rise on campus. They all have their own goals and purposes, but most of them just want to share their vision with the campus community.

Women in Computer Science

Women in Computer Science, the official ACM-W chapter, is currently in the process of gaining recognition and funding from the Graduate School of Education. The organization has proclaimed that its aim is to foster understanding between men and women in Computer Science. ACM-W is the women's branch of the Association for Computing Machinery. The organization also intends to increase and improve women's involvement in the discipline. Women in Computer Science also holds academic and social events and also works with the Computer Science department.

Global Architecture Brigade

The world's largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization is the Global Architecture Brigade, according to the club's profile description. It started in 2004 when Global Brigades mobilized thousands of university students and professionals. Through nine skill-based service programs, the quality of life in under-resourced communities through partner organizations in Honduras, Panama and Ghana were improved. Since 2004, the Global Architecture Brigade mobilized more than 12,000 volunteers to support more than 350,000 community members in those three countries.

The volunteers' duties involve designing and constructing schools and health centers for communities. According to the club, once a university chapter expresses interest, its members will be provided with a brief on an upcoming design contest against other university chapters. The community then selects the design or designs that best fit their needs. All participating chapters come together as one and help build the school. This is a great way for aspiring architects to put their craft to use for a great cause.

SBU Entrepreneurs

This club, which aims to help students learn how to start a business, fosters a supportive and creative environment for business ideas.

Alzheimer's Awareness

This club offers awareness and fundraising for sufferers of Alzheimer's disease. Its members participate in events hosted by the Alzheimer's Association and fundraise money on their own. You can also find them outside of the Student Activities Center hosting a fundraiser and giving out purple pens.

Project Sunshine

Project Sunshine isn't exclusive to Stony Brook's campus. It is an organization that empowers a dynamic and dedicated corps of more than 10,000 volunteers to bring programming, recreational arts, educational tutoring and mentoring. The SB Life website said that there are social services and HIV and nutritional counseling provided to over 60,000 children facing medical challenges and their families in 100 major cities across the United States and in five international satellite sites: Canada, China, Israel, Kenya and Puerto Rico. Like a lot of clubs, Project Sunshine reaches out to volunteers to devote and donate their time to create and deliver programs.

This chapter at Stony Brook works in coalition with the Child-Life Department at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. A few of the following programs underway are Direct Service Programs, Sending Sunshine Programs, Project Sunshine Day (weekly) and Project Knit Support Group (weekly).

Students can find other new clubs this spring semester. There's Trickling, SB Shine and the Friends of Fire Island.

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By David O’Connor
Managing Editor

Over the past couple of weeks, a clump of crucial U.S. senators and President Barack Obama have been moving toward putting forward a set of policies with the goal of reforming the American immigration system. The details have not been finalized, and the final form of whatever goes through Congress and possibly the White House won’t become set for a few months still.

However, in a time when partisan conflict is the name of the game, immigration reform has been an issue around which both parties appear to be coming to an agreement on, and this was one of the more important and divisive issues leading up to last year’s general election with strong feelings on both sides.

That being said, partisanship is very much alive and well in Congress and around the country. It is still the elephant in the room, but it is not trumpeting on this issue. Why so? Well, the men and women elected to Congress do have their ideals and causes, but it is not metaphorically unlike losing a battle so as to still have an army to put forward their agenda.

One statistic that has been resurrected continuously over the past few weeks is how many of the Hispanic American voters in last year’s election voted for President Obama. The number who have voted for the Democrats in the past three elections has been a majority each time and has gotten larger between 2004 and 2008 and from that year to 2012. Adding on to that, the number of Hispanic voters has also increased immensely and continues to do so. In the not-so-distant future, 20 percent of American citizens will have Hispanic ancestry. It would be a gross oversimplification to say that the majority of these immigrants or that the issue they all care most about is immigration, but recent voting behavior lends credence to the idea that many Hispanics feel marginalized or at the very least rubbed the wrong way by the Republican Party.

Whatever the reasons, the facts show that a strong majority of Hispanics do not vote Republican, and the number of Hispanics is growing daily in crucial states such as Florida, Colorado, etc. In fact, the Hispanic population is also growing rapidly in Republican strongholds such as Georgia. There is no forebearable possibility that Georgia will vote Democrat in a presidential election in the near future, but Gov. Mitt Romney’s victory by a margin of approximately 8 percent is not insurmountable.

Searching off campus for better medical care

By Michael Newcomer
Copy Chief

Getting sick in college is never fun. In addition to fever, chills, nausea, congestion, coughing and the multitude of other symptoms you may experience, missed classes, social isolation and a pissed off roommate just add to the misery.

The one thing you should be able to count on is Stony Brook’s Student Health Services, right? As a freshman that had never been to Student Health Services last semester, I only had stories from my sister, a graduate from Florida State University, to go on. There, every female with a pregnancy test, blood tests have a successful win collapse rate close to 100 percent, and the facilities are housed in a building as clean as one you’d likely see on Mike Rowe’s “Dirty Jobs.”

I was only slightly more impressed with Stony Brook’s center. I first went in the day after I was hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning at work...
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monoxide poisoning in October. I spilled a 104 fever the night before, but had no other symptoms, and I was vexed as to whether the two conditions were related. I let the nurse at the desk know that I had a history of iron-deficiency anemia and that I was interested in getting a blood test to check my iron levels and the CO concentration in my blood because I knew that they had a lab in the building. I was told that only a doctor could prescribe these tests, an acceptable answer.

After waiting for what seemed like an eternity after the nurse brought me into an exam room to talk with the doctor, the doctor finally came back and examined me for a total of perhaps two minutes before dismissing me with a bottle of dollar store brand Tylenol. I told him what I had discussed with the nurse up front.

“No, that won’t be necessary.”

The staff at the Student Health Center seemed overworked and unenthusiastic. I felt like I was in a time crunch. I just wanted to get in and out as quickly as possible, and the doctor looked annoyed that I was asking him any questions.

I firmly believe that we all must be our own health advocates. After all, who would advocate for us if we didn’t do so ourselves? When I was three, my parents took me back to my pediatrician, one of the more up-tempo doctors I have ever been to. I developed a full-body rash after taking a round of amoxicillin. He told us that in no way could the antibiotic cause such a rash, and he reassured me that I must have gotten into some poison oak.

Nowadays, a quick google search will tell you that there is a 30 percent chance that all children taking amoxicillin will develop a non-allergic rash that is very easily treatable. I no longer saw that doctor.

Fortunately enough to have private health insurance, I now get annual blood draws just to be able to see a doctor. The first time I saw my GP on Long Island, I was given a physical, which included blood work. The results came back that I was indeed still very iron deficient, and that my body was not producing healthily shaped and sized blood cells, which I am currently undergoing treatment for. It also prompted referrals to a hematologist and gastroenterologist to check for blood disorders and internal bleeding, very likely causes of my anemia. None of this would have been resolved had I not sought health care elsewhere.

Every student who had the ability to be seen by medical care off campus elected to do so, the Student Health Center might be able to spend the appropriate amount of time and attention on students that depend on the center and the University's health insurance for care.

Top three with Keith: A summary of foreign affairs

By Keith Olsen
Assistant Opinions Editor

Egypt

A trial has sentenced 21 people to death for their part in provoking a riot at a soccer game on Feb. 12, 2012 which killed at least 30 people and wounded over 250 people. This verdict has caused such serious riots among Egyptian citizens that President Morsi has issued martial law in the areas of the country affected by these riots. Many are worried about the enactment of martial law, as the government has historically squandered their jurisdiction to those who warn that President Morsi is no different than former President Mubarak, whose declaration of martial law caused for more than 30 years. The current crisis has continued to escalate, especially with the latest incident in which two government officials under the supervision of the Egyptian Interior Minister beat a naked man in the streets of Cairo. This beating was recorded, and led to more anger against the current regime.

Mali

Mali, which is a fairly large country located in western Africa, has been engulfed in war against extremist Islamist rebels for the past year and a half. France has begun to send military aid to Mali, which was a French colony in the past, to fight off the rebels who are affiliated with Al-Qaeda. The Malian rebels have begun the military campaign to liberate the swath of territory that the rebels have conquered, and they have been successful so far. The territory that the rebels currently control is roughly the same size as the entirety of Afghanistan. The French offensive consists of about three thousand troops and substantial air support, but other African nations in the region have promised to send troops as well.

Syria

An Israeli airstrike has been conducted deep in Syrian territory last week, prompting worries that the conflict could spread and further destabilize the already volatile region. There are conflicting reports as to what the target was, and the United States claims the strike was targeting a convoy which was enroute to bring anti-aircraft weaponry to Hezbollah, which is unacceptable to Israel. Syria denies any intention in providing these weapons to Hezbollah, and claims instead that the airstrike was actually attempting to destroy a military research facility with the aim of weakening President Assad's grasp on the country. The Syrian government has submitted a formal complaint to the United Nations in which they claim that the Israelis have disrespected Syria's sovereignty.

Is owning a gun a right?

By Ahmed A. Malik
Staff Writer

It's amazing what it takes for America to get riled up—bound in the pangs between morbidity and policy. But this is our nature, and perhaps our most prominent detriment. The lines are always blurred—or at least they are claimed to be, but activists and conservatives alike seem to still see things in black and white. But throw in a few emotions, and everything takes off. The five school shootings that have taken place recently seem to suffice for emotions, and maybe a little more.

Guns are a staple of our society—or at least our traditions, which date back a whopping 200 years, yet we label them as such. Our nation was built upon revolution, yes—but one would question if the state of our nation is currently comparable to that of 1776. Each side can make this a battle of semantics, equalizing the opposition with hard-nosed sentiments, but the fact remains that pro-gun activists have a failing argument. When comparing our nation to, lets say, Switzerland, whose population has twice the amount of guns that we own proportionally, we (pro-gunners) seem to forget that we are not Switzerland. If that were the case, then the argument can go so far as to say, why not pass universal health care and the rest of the Republican nightmare story? Our mentality is of opposition, not defense, and the idea that a fully automatic weapon with a automatic gear and extended magazine is a defensive weapon is just childish.

"But I should be able to own one if I want to! I'm not crazy." Thats not the point. The point is that based on principle, an individual is perfectly allowed to own a weapon. In fact, I plan to own many. I love guns—but as Gov. Cuomo said best, you don't need an AK-47 to kill a deer. To be more technical, the designation of the M-rifles are very clear. What does the "M" stand for? Military.

These are killing machines not made to be issued to a private citizen therefore, they should not be legal to the ordinary man. Furthermore, it is plausible to ask from what one would be defending himself against? If his answer was a complete military, or even the population of the world; one's success in self defense is not hinged upon the weight of his rifle, but the strength of his voice. That, and a machine gun is no match against an army. The defense against martial law is futile indeed and, not to be mistaken as a misguided blind believer in the system, but it is a double standard to oppose martial law but reserve the right to rebel against the very system that permits executive order for the defense of the nation. The strongest defense for guns remains Justice Antonin Scalia’s interpretation of the Second Amendment. In a nutshell, anything that can be held in the hand of an individual on their person is considered a legal weapon. Makes sense, seeing as one can now shoulder a rocket launcher.

The Second Amendment, of course, is currently the most misconstrued amendment in the Constitution, but the ability to reason seems to be far more of a misconstrued element in our political game. The NRA proposes to have an armed guard in every school. To that I ask, what about Columbine? That policy didn't do much good, seeing as there were two armed guards stationed at that school at the time of the shooting. It is not a naive question of rights; it is a question of what IS right.

Gun control is not the answer to this problem, but it sure is a step in the right direction. I believe what Gov. Cuomo is enlisting into our legislation is a perfectly acceptable gun policy, and unless we can change the culture of guns, we cannot change our approach, which is the inevitable abolishment of extended magazines and automatic assault rifles.

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Is learning from our mistakes enough?

By Japbani Nanda
Contributing Writer

It is really not our fault. How can we be blamed for not seeing the future? Not everyone can be psychic and stare off into space to connect with some frequency to events that allow for a sneak peek at what has yet to take place. Is this justification enough? How much longer can we go without realizing one of our greatest downfalls?

There is a reason why history textbooks are written and scholars of all ages read them. Of course, these books provide invaluable insight into the past but beyond that, we often hope to find solutions to our current problems by looking to the past. We always tell ourselves ‘learn from our mistakes,’ but sometimes, it is not enough to simply learn from what happens to us. We need to be able to foresee what may happen and prevent tragic events from happening in the first place.

This may seem like a lot to ask of humans, and it is true that it might be impossible to tackle a problem without witnessing the issue first. The scientific method exemplifies the strategy of observing before we make conclusions and try to solve problems. We cannot treat a disease before we know what its symptoms are, and in order for us to eventually cure an illness, someone must suffer and act as our “guinea pigs,” even if they acquired the illness on their own. This hardly seems fair.

Several events have taken place that indicate that learning from our mistakes may not always be enough. The shooting that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., brought us all to tears. After realizing that something must be done, New York was the first state to initiate gun-control legislation; however, those children in Newtown have lost their lives. Often with any treatment, such as legislation, it is impossible to know what laws are needed without witnessing disorder or harm. The same concept applies to the formation of the Bill of Rights, which was made because of the suppression that our countrymen witnessed in the past.

This year, the rape of a girl in India that led to her death spurred action and protests for justice and women’s rights. Such situations take place in many countries, yet protection for women and human rights in general never comes until after an innocent person suffers. Still, the efforts on the part of ordinary citizens are astounding and show that we can all target the worst things that take place in society in order to bring about better conditions in the future.

Recently, the burning of a Muslim mosque in Missouri and a shooting crisis at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin brought the world’s attention to hate crimes that are related to religion. Numerous people were killed and countless families were adversely affected by these unfortunate events. This brought about increased attempts to support religious tolerance and spread awareness of the Sikh religion.

There is absolutely no doubt that any efforts made to solve a problem are better than making no attempts at all. We are fortunate enough to be able to recognize possible courses of action after witnessing horrible events take place in our own country and around the world. It may be against the science of the human mind to be able to foresee the possible dangers of certain situations. Our college campus has been doing a great job with maintaining the safety of students and such strategies should be implemented on a wider scale to address issues around the world. Excessive protection against what ‘may’ happen can also be a problem when it infringes upon our ability to live without fear.

Still, we have to weigh our options well to try and deflect the tragedies that we can dodge. It is better late than never.
**Diversions**

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 David Copperfield's forte
2 High-ranking Indian
10 Like the Sahara
14 Last new Olds
15 Allee, in Lourdes
16 Mediaplan
17 Main idea, as of an argument
20 — Pinnacle
21 Handy bags
22 Inventor Howe
23 Candy in a wrapper
24 WSJ's opposite
25 Stick to a strict budget
32 Beauty parlor
33 Staying to remember
34 Tool for a lumberjack
36 Cultivate the soil
37 Car peal
38 Needed a Band Aid
39 Till now
40 False
41 Town near the tip of Cape Cod
42 To the point
45 Notes after mis
46 Contents of a crust
47 Swatter candy
50 Reeled (against)
51 — Beta Kappa
56 Burnout cause
59 Part of USA:
60 Like dedicated fans
61 18th-century Swiss mathematician
62 Goes bad
63 Lumberjack's roll
64 Baseball's Pee Wee

**DOWN**

1 Sook set in Korea
2 Homecoming visitor
3 Weaver's inventory
4 401(k)
5 Have inside
6 Take a break
7 Flu-like symptoms
8 Pickle
9 Three thai
10 Unusual colors
11 Colorful garden
12 Wife of a 6-Kross
13 Ancient Peruvian shrub, perhaps
14 Campus residence
15 Like someone packing back and forth
16 Forehead
17 Film
18 Comical Soupy
19 Material
20 Cheese city in northeast Italy
21 End of Frisbee's sentence that begins "Frankly, my dear"
22 Like a newborn
23 Put forth, as effort
24 Like Camille
25 Tokyo's former name
26 Pure money (on)
27 City west of Tulsa
28 Does some sums
29 Short messages
30 Bids
31 Songwriter
32 Sinclair
33 Character
34 Puts money with sphere
35 Wears a cap
36 The Mepham
37 A box
38 Actor
39 Bids
40 Arabic
41 Social network for short messages
42 Mairo
43 Memo
44 Old Russian
45 Sociologist
46 Civil war
47 1990:
48 Prefers with sphere
49 Rested (against)
50 Go bad
51 Part of a
52 Mepham
53 Ely's
54 Rhode Island
55 Sums
56 Medal
57 Carpenter's tool
58 Feel bad about
59 Ale
60 Sum

**By Bernice Gordon**

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Men's Lacrosse picked to finish second in America East pre-season poll, tied with UMBC

Midfielder Jeff Tundo will be one of three seniors that the team will count on this year.

“The Statesman

By Jason Muzza
Staff Writer

Last week Stony Brook University Athletics completes a multi-year agreement with Madison Sports and PMI College. The primary goal of the partnership is to raise revenue and increase Stony Brook’s exposure on Long Island and nationwide.

This will provide financial support for all 20 NCAA Division I men’s and women’s sports teams. Some of the services MS and PMI plans to do are finding naming rights for the new Stony Brook Arena projected to open in the 2014-2015 season as well as additional giveaway days at sporting events creating relationships with Athletics and local businesses aimed at increasing revenue for both parties.

“Stony Brook’s proud partnership with PMI College and Madison Sports Partnerships will facilitate financial progress with this university’s increasingly successful athletic department,” Stony Brook University Director of Athletics Jim Fiore said in a press release.

Madison sports also promotes Stony Brook and their other partnerships on twitter and other media outlets further increasing Stony Brook media presence and nationwide notoriety.

Additionally, they hope to identify large groups to join Stony Brook at sporting events to increase outbound ticket sales amongst other strategies.

Stony Brook students gather, celebrate Super Bowl XLVII

By Joe Galotti
Staff Writer

On Sunday Super Bowl XLVII took place in New Orleans. Some Stony Brook students took on the San Francisco 49ers. And while no New York teams played in this year’s game, there was still a great deal of excitement among Sunday from Stony Brook’s students.

“It gives everyone an excuse to get together and have a good time,” said Kelly Onuck, a music major.

The Super Bowl has become an unofficial American holiday for many people. Last year, 111.3 million people tuned in to watch the big game, the biggest viewership number ever for a Super Bowl, according to statistics from the International Business Times. Stony Brook students are no exceptions to this.

Even students who aren’t traditional football fans watched for either the flurry of new entertaining commercials, the halftime show featuring Prince, or in many cases just because friends were watching.

“I’m watching the game on campus this year with a group of professors and a 15-year-old son,” said Carter. “I’ve never really watched more than a few minutes of the game before, but I’m really excited about it this year.”

Some Stony Brook students decided to go off campus for this year’s big game.

“Me and a few friends will probably try to go and see some place nearby,” said Kimberly Prince, a senior physics major who lives on campus.

“We were thinking of maybe going to The Bench (Bar and Grill). Some place with a lot of TVs obviously so we can watch the game while we eat and drink.”

Other students like senior economics major Vinny Wilson will be traveling a little further off campus.

“I’m meeting a bunch of friends in New York City,” said Wilson. “We’re going to watch the game, but we’re probably also going to go to a couple of parties thrown by people we know.”

Although there are no local teams playing in this year’s Super Bowl, many Stony Brook students still have heavy interest in the outcome of Sunday’s game. Bryan Sweeney, a Stony Brook sophomore and economics major proudly donned his purple Baltimore Ravens jersey as he walked around campus last week. For Sweeney, it was the last opportunity to see Ray Lewis, his favorite football player since he was 10 years old.

“Ray Lewis was the whole reason I became a Ravens fan, so Sunday is going to be pretty important for me,” said Sweeney. Lewis, a linebacker for the Ravens, announced this season that this will be the last of his Hall of Fame worthy career. “I’m having a few good friends over, and we’re watching the game. We can do our parties before or after. This game means too much.”

Some Stony Brook students, like Glen Fields, enjoy spending the Super Bowl with their families. The sophomore computer science major said, “Me and my dad and uncle have been watching the Super Bowl together forever it seems like. So I’ll definitely be in my uncle’s basement on Sunday, watching the game.”

Other students like Stony Brook senior and sociology major Al Keith turn Super Bowl Sunday into a bigger family affair. “We try to get all the cousins together on Super Bowl Sunday,” said Keith. “We get (frequent) pool going, and there’s lots of screaming and fighting. It’s a great time.”

Super Bowl hype around Stony Brook should be even greater next February as the big game comes to MetLife Stadium, the home of the Jets and Giants. “That should be pretty insane. I can’t imagine the hype that will be building up to that,” said Fields.

Events and parties will likely be seen in large numbers in New York during Super Bowl week 2014. “If I don’t go to the game, I’ll definitely try to be back in Manhattan again for a bunch of events that week,” said Wilson. “While this year’s game was likely very memorable for Stony Brook students, there’s a good chance next year’s Super Bowl could very well top it.”

SBU students watched Anquan Boldin in the Super Bowl.

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The Statesman

Stony Brook teams up with Madison Sports

By Jason Muzza
Staff Writer

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of the new freshmen will have to...
Volleyball unveils Coley Pawlikowski as new head coach

By Adrian Szklar
Assistant Sports Editor

A new chapter has begun for Stony Brook's volleyball program. Last Monday, Stony Brook officially unveiled Coley Pawlikowski, a three-time recipient of the America Volleyball Coaches Association's Thirty Under 30 award, as the program's new head coach.

"I'm so excited to be here, if there was one job I could have picked, this was it," Pawlikowski said. "I think it's a great fit for me and the program, I think the potential here is awesome."

Pawlikowski spent the previous season as the top assistant coach at Wisconsin, where she served as the recruiting coordinator and the defensive positions coach. Prior to Wisconsin, she also served as the top assistant coach at her alma mater, Northern Illinois, from 2009-2012.

In 2011 she helped lead the Huskies to the Mid-American Conference regular season title, as well as an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Prior to Northern Illinois, she was the head coach at North Park University, a Division III school in Chicago, where she coached for three seasons. After the team went 6-26 the season before she was hired, they went 19-12 in her final season. Athletic director Jim Fiore said he first heard of Pawlikowski from former Stony Brook volleyball player Rachel Goldsmith, who had played club volleyball with Pawlikowski in the Midwest.

"She has a confidence level that is unmatched by a lot of people, even on email, you could feel her energy coming through the computer," Fiore said. "When I finally met her, in five minutes, I knew she was the right person for the job, when she left my office that day, I wanted to tell her to stop."

Pawlikowski replaces Deb DesLauriers, who was fired on Nov. 15 after coaching the Seahawks for thirteen seasons. With all of the current team having been recruited by DesLauriers, Pawlikowski set out to reach out to the players immediately, having phone and text conversations before meeting them for the first time in person on Monday.

"I could just hear from the tone of her voice that she was as excited as we were, probably even more," junior middle blocker Eavan Slaughter said. "She is an amazing person, really high energy and that's what our team needs."

Despite the team missing the America East playoffs last year, Pawlikowski has high hopes for her team, which will return most of its core, including Slaughter, as well as freshman Nicole Vogel and Melissa Rigo, the reigning America East rookie of the year.

"I'm excited to see them all, I'm excited about our whole group," Pawlikowski said. "One of our goals is to maximize our potential as a group."

By Adrian Szklar
Assistant Sports Editor

Ice Hockey splits weekend home series against Rutgers

Needling a strong showing in order to stay in the ACHA national rankings, 15th ranked Stony Brook split a pair of games against 19th ranked Rutgers at The Rinx in Hauppauge, defeating the Scarlet Knights 5-1 on Saturday night and then losing 3-2 on Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, both teams struggled to create scoring opportunities in the first period, and the two sides would be scoreless at the end of the period.

At the 10:53 mark of the period, Rutgers' Matthew MacDonald was awarded a penalty shot after he was brought down while on a breakaway by Stony Brook freshman defenseman Andrew Balzafiore. However, MacDonald would shoot the puck into Stony Brook sophomore goalie Daniel Snyder's chest on the penalty shot attempt.

Stony Brook began to pick its play up in the second period, and at the 7:24 mark, senior forward Daniel Casasano scored the first goal of the game, scoring a pass from senior forward Mike Cacciotti while in front of the net and bunting the puck past goalie Brandon De Jongh.

Rutgers, however, would even the score after the Scarlet Knights' Ryan Gereleky tipped a shot from the point from Jay Ewan past Snyder at the 3:45 mark of the period.

Stony Brook would blow the game open in the third period. At the 12:03 mark, senior forward Sean Collins passed from the left corner in the Rutgers end and found sophomore Vinny Lopes on the opposite side of the net, who would give Stony Brook back the lead. At the 8:49 mark, Collins would extend the lead to 3-1, finishing off a nice sequence of quick passes with Lopes and Nick Barbera.

"I saw Vin had the puck at the top, looking at Nick," Collins said. "I just went to the back door and had a wide-open net."

Stony Brook would score three more goals to finish out the rout, with junior forward Nick Derynoski, freshman forward Matthew Gervasi and senior Edwin Montgomery scoring the goals.

"The first period was definitely a slow start, one thing that I keep impressing on this team is not to be assumptive," head coach Chris Garofalo said. "At this level of hockey, anyone can beat anybody on any given day."

On Sunday, Stony Brook would continue its goal streak, jumping out to a 1-0 lead at the 14:08 mark of the period after junior defenseman Chris Joseph finished off a pass from Cacciotti.

Rutgers would tie the game early in the third period at the 18:32 mark, after sophomore Ryan Coccapi tapped in a rebound off of a shot from Cacciotti.

Junior forward Wesley Hawkins skates up the ice against Rutgers' Donato Fanelle during the first period on Sunday.
Men's Basketball wins two away games

By Joe Galloti
Staff Writer

Junior guard Anthony Jackson scored 11 points, including a three-pointer with 1:16 remaining in the game, to help lift the Stony Brook men's basketball team to a 56-54 win in New Hampshire on Saturday afternoon. The Seawolves have now won nine of their last 10 games.

The game was tight the entire way, coming down to the final two minutes. But the Seawolves held a one-point lead, before senior forward Tommy Brenton was able to find Jackson on the near wing, allowing the junior captain to sink a three-pointer that gave Stony Brook a 56-52 lead, with 1:16 to play.

New Hampshire's Ferg Myrick then drove a layup and hit both free throws with 42.3 seconds to play to cut the Seawolves' lead to two. New Hampshire then decided not to foul, and Stony Brook got a defensive stop. With the short clock winding down, Jackson attempted another three, but missed. The ball then went out of bounds, giving the Seawolves the ball.

Stony Brook then decided to go inside for a two-pointer that gave Stony Brook a 56-54 lead, with 1:16 to play. Tommy Brenton came and finished with a reverse layup to extend the lead to four.

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