SBU requests funds to pay off lawsuit

By Giuseppe Barkley
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University requested $30 million from the New York State Legislature to pay off part of a $167.5 million judgment, or court-ordered penalty, resulting from a lawsuit against the university's unspent capital improvement funds. Money set aside for construction projects such as the improvement of buildings and infrastructure, among other potential projects.

According to Elaine Crosson, the vice president for external relations at Stony Brook, SUNY Central and The Division of Budget have also contributed to paying the judgment. Stony Brook acquitted the land in question through eminent domain, which allows the government to seize private property for public use without paying fair market value for the property. Fair market value is generally the comparison of the property's value to similar properties.

The dispute arose in 2006 after Stony Brook University purchased 245.5 acres of 316 acres from Gyrodine Company of America, Inc. for $26.3 million.

However, the company, which is involved in real estate, estimated its Flowerfield property at $125 million. As a result, Gyrodine, feeling underpaid, filed a suit against the state and won. Since Stony Brook was to use the property, New York State felt the university should pay for the penalty.

"The $26.3 million payment was based on the fair market value appraisal rendered by state experts at the time," Crosson said.

Appraisers use several methods to determine a property's value, including cost approach, sales comparison and possible income.

According to Crosson, the $167.5 million judgment is the result of the cost approach. "The cost approach is calculated by determining the current value of similar properties to determine its value," she said.

Stony Brook University requested $26.3 million payment to cover its costs and was left with $141.2 million. According to the university, the money will be used to pay off the judgment.

The money is a portion of the university's unspent capital improvement funds. In addition to the $167.5 million, Stony Brook has $30 million from the New York State Legislature to pay off part of a $30 million judgment.

The money will be used to pay for the construction projects that the university has been unable to complete due to the judgment. The university has committed to using the money to pay off the judgment as soon as possible.

Kelly Dining closed indefinitely

By Nina Lin
Assistant Photo Editor

Students woke early on the morning of Monday, Feb. 11, to a closed and locked Kelly Dining Center. Approximately 28 inches of snow from Winter Storm Nemo caused enough roof damage for Stony Brook University to close Kelly, one of six major dining halls on campus.

"In the interest of student safety, Kelly Dining Center is closed due to extensive ceiling leaks in the basement area," Angela Agtho, the director of marketing and communications at Stony Brook's Faculty Student Association said. The building will reopen as soon as repairs are completed.

According to James Montalto, a media relations manager for SBU, repairs are already underway. But nearly a week has passed since the leaks began and there is still no definite date on which students can expect Kelly Dining to reopen.

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The Kelly Dining Center is being renovated after extensive leaking from the recent snow storm.

£Jocelyn Pascucci, a sophomore marine vertebrate biology student, died early Saturday morning in the East Village, police reported.

Pascucci, 19, of East Meadow, N.Y., was found unconscious in an apartment building lobby at 12th St. and Roosevelt. She was pronounced dead on arrival, police said. She was pronounced dead on arrival, police said.

She had a heart condition, which could have been affected by a night of drinking.

However, the exact cause of death will be determined when the medical exam is completed, police said.

Jerrold L. Stein, dean of students, issued a statement to the university community Sunday about Pascucci.

"Jocelyn is described by faculty, friends and staff who knew her as being selfless in her dedication to help others," Stein said in an email, which informed the campus community of Pascucci's death.

"Many described her as a gifted student and as being caring, generous and having a wonderful sense of humor and a contagious laugh."

According to Pascucci's online portfolio, she had planned to go into conservation or consulting and was also an Undergraduate Fellow for the Arts, Culture and Humanities at Stony Brook.

"Pascucci was also an Undergraduate Fellow for the Arts, Culture and Humanities at Stony Brook. In her biography on the college's page, Pascucci described herself as artsy because she enjoyed "drawing, painting and all other sorts of artistic things."

Marty Freda, a sophomore, said he knew Pascucci to be very nice and never heard her say anything bad about anyone else.

"She always seemed to be in an upbeat mood," Freda said.

Funeral arrangements will be listed on the Dean of Student's website upon availability, and students are encouraged by Stein to seek support from the campus resources to "deal with this difficult time."

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The amount of money used to pay the judgment would be enough to build four Computer Science Buildings, a nearly $40.8 million project being constructed on the school's west campus between the lot between the Light Engineering and current Computer Science buildings.

The situation also brings into question the judgment's effect on additional capital projects throughout the university taking place either currently or in the future. No comments were made in regards to this.

Currently the property is home to Stony Brook's Center of Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT), which opened in March 2009.

According to the CEWIT's website, its mission is to "keep the region at the forefront in Wireless and Information Technologies."

The university is still working toward paying off the judgment. It's not clear how long it will take before the fine is settled.

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Expectations are high for the baseball team this semester, following its historic journey to Omaha, Neb. last June.

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Nobel laureate finally spoke after hurricane postponed event

By Gavin Stern

Come for the laughs, stay for the chemistry.

"It's good to be here—thanks for the weather," Robert H. Grubbs, Nobel laureate in chemistry, said.


"Green chemistry" is accomplished either by reducing hazardous byproducts or making a product that is more easily broken down by nature.

Students spilled out into the aisles of the Charles B. Wang Center theater for the chance to hear a living legend of synthetic organic chemistry. Grubbs played the awestruck audience with humble, self-deprecating humor as he led them through a tangle of chemical reactions with his green laser pointer.

"I didn't really realize I was a 'green chemist' until the Nobel committee said I was," Grubbs said.

Grubbs, the father of Stony Brook University associate professor Robert B. Grubbs, is the Atkins Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology. He received the Nobel Prize in 2005 along with Richard R. Schrock and Yves Chauvin for devising a catalyst that would speed up "olefin metathesis." Grubbs' work in metathesis revolutionized the production of manmade materials, and the chemical transformations that are now standard in industry—even for companies like Victoria's Secret.

"One of the highlights of my chemical career," Grubbs said.

Currently, Grubbs is working on the materials and the chemistry needed to reduce industry's impact on the environment. Grubbs' green chemical processes allow for the production of bio-renewable fuels for cars and jets, crystals that reflect solar radiation, superlight materials for windmills and pheromones that replace harmful pesticides to kill insects.

Making these materials cost effective, however, is a challenge. Grubbs said consumers do not buy green products unless cost and effectiveness are similar to the products they replace. Grubbs dedicated the final portion of his lecture to the young scientists from all over the globe who work in his laboratory.

"These are the people who are really responsible for everything," Grubbs said, as he displayed a group photo and introduced each researcher by name. "These are the ones who make it happen."

Students who attended the lecture said Grubbs succeeded not only in teaching a complicated subject, but also in making the experience itself riveting.

"Dr. Grubbs was absolutely phenomenal. Really over the top," chemical engineering major Neil Edmands said. "I felt happy to understand at least some of what he was talking about."

Taurean Dyer, 27, a graduate student from Trinidad studying mechanical engineering at Stony Brook, said he was impressed with Grubbs' photonics technology that stops mosquitoes from reproducing.

"If he can get that working, that will be a huge boon to the Caribbean and Africa, where dengue is a major cause of death," Dyer said. "And if we can start making biodiesels at the level Grubbs was talking about, we might hit some big strides, hopefully, in the next 10 years."

Bike share program rides into Stony Brook

By Ashleigh Sherow

This spring semester, Stony Brook University will be joining the ranks of places such as Montreal and Boston in its implementation of a new method of green transportation: bike sharing.

This program has become increasingly popular in urban areas, allowing people to use rented bikes to get from point A to point B as an alternative to hailing a cab or taking a bus.

This spring, Stony Brook will introduce 40 to 50 bikes for the program.

Stations where students can rent and return their rented bikes have been erected in front of the Student Activities Center, at the West Apartments and at the South Parking Lot.

Students can rent and return their bikes to any of the stations on campus.

The program, in the works since April 2011, has undergone a complete transformation. Originally, it was designed to assign students their very own bikes to use exclusively throughout the semester.

However, after looking at other bike share programs in various cities, James O'Connor, director of transportation and sustainability operations on campus, said he wanted a program that would allow the community to obtain bikes.

This new version of the program, he said, uses the same bikes as the bike share program in Boston.

A new green feature comes from the solar powered kiosks at the bike stations, which O'Connor says are also undergoing maintenance to allow students to use their student ID cards to check out bikes more quickly.

He says the kiosk system is "more accessible and easier to use."

The bikes, which are for on-campus use only, are free for students for the first 60 minutes as part of the transportation fee they pay as part of their tuition.

After the first 60 minutes, students pay a small fee per hour.

After the program launches in the spring, O'Connor has aspirations for the program to grow by adding additional locations and bikes.

He sees the expansion of the bike share service as a potential alternative to adding more bus routes.

"The Stony Brook Environmental Club, which meets in the Science and Society Center in Roth Quad on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. said they are in favor of the initiative."

"[It provides] speedy transportation to and from the Academic Mall without the combustion of fossil fuels. Currently many residents of West Apartments rely on the bus, which at peak use, cannot hold everyone. Hopefully the Bike Share Program can lessen dependence on bus transportation and get more students to class on time," said a representative for the club in an email.

"As for now, O'Connor says, The Department of Transportation is working hard to get it off the ground."

He hopes that the bike share program will be ready for students by March.

Students interested in learning more or getting involved with the program can join the transportation and parking student advisory committee or visit stonybrook.edu/transportation.
Police Blotter

A female employee's wallet was stolen from the Melville Library on Monday, Feb. 4, police said. The alleged perpetrator, a homeless man, was arrested.

A former male student who had been suspended by the university trespassed into Langmuir College on Monday, Feb. 4, police said. The former student was issued a field ticket and was referred by police to the university.

A laptop and backpack were stolen at the Melville Library on Monday, Feb. 4, police said. The property was returned.

A pillow was stolen from Yang, but was returned to the student on Tuesday, Feb. 5, police said.

Three male students were found with marijuana in Roosevelt Quad on Tuesday, Feb. 5, police said. They were all issued referrals.

An iPad was stolen from a student in Irving College on Thursday, Feb. 7, police said. It was returned to its owner.

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By Kelly Zegers
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Much debate at the Feb. 14 Undergraduate Student Government Senate meeting surrounded appropriations to 10 campus clubs and the financial bylaws that can affect the amount of money clubs receive if they do not meet expectations.

Groups such as Young Americans for Freedom and Alternative Spring Break Outreach (ASBO) face 50 percent budget reductions for this spring semester. The common reason for this changes involves the clubs' spending in the fall semester, as the clubs did not use their budgets to hold events.

John Slanover, president of Young Americans for Freedom, accepted the ramifications, saying "it'll be O.K." though the club will be "cutting it close" when it comes to putting money toward its hotel accommodations for a trip planned to Washington, D.C. ASBO saw the cut as hindrance, mentioning the need to cover bus insurance for its community service spring break trip, which involves 88 students.

The Budget Committee explained that reductions are set in order to remind clubs to maximize their budgets and improve campus life in the fall semester. President Anna Lubitz made a statement concerning how it is the responsibility of clubs, not USG, to facilitate utilizing budgets and that "advisers definitely need to step it up."

As for the meeting's open agenda, an opportunity was presented for students to have an impact on what general education classes will be called in the future. Stony Brook is looking to change the name from DECs and any students with suggestions can email USG VP of Academic Affairs Derek Cope at dcope@stonybrookusg.org.
SBU researchers collaborate on new polio vaccination

By Hanaa’ Tameez

Stony Brook professor Dr. Eckard Wimmer and assistant research professor Dr. Jeronimo Cello have recently collaborated with Stony Brook University and Janssen Pharmaceuticals to develop an inactive polio vaccine based on highly attenuated polioviral seed strains.

According to the university’s press release, “These strains, when inactivated, have the potential to be as effective and as safe as the currently used poliovirus vaccine (IPV).” Wimmer, who has been at Stony Brook for nearly forty years, is best known for his work on the poliovirus.

Last May, he was inducted into the National Academy of Science. Sean Boykevisch, who facilitated the agreement between Janssen and the university, lauded Wimmer’s accomplishments and contributions to the field of virology, which include “the elucidation of the chemical structure of the poliovirus genome and the first in vitro synthesis of polio, or any organism for that matter.”

“In 2006/2007, Dr. Wimmer and Dr. Cello developed a novel poliovirus that was stably neuro-attenuated and they identified its first application as a possible therapy for the treatment of neuroblastoma,” Boykevisch said.

“They realized that the engineered virus can have other applications as well, such as in the manufacturing of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) and proceeded to study this application with funding from the World Health Organization,” Boykevisch said.

According to Boykevisch, higher reliance on IPV necessitates “new, safer seed viruses for its manufacture.”

Wimmer and his colleagues are working with Janssen to evaluate the seed viruses that they developed to determine if they are suitable for use in manufacturing IPV.

“If so, Janssen will use the seed strains to manufacture a new inactive polio vaccine. Current polio vaccines are made from a wild-type poliovirus, which is more dangerous and could lead to further health issues.

“There are two types of vaccine, one is called oral vaccine that you used to receive in the States, which was made of a live attenuated virus. Now it’s not given here but it is in the rest of the world,” Cello explained.

“Eventually that vaccine could mutate and give you side effects and give you paralysis. So now due to the World Health Organization they don’t want to use that vaccine anymore and they want to go to the inactive polio vaccine,” Cello said.

Cello said he, Wimmer, the university, and Janssen Pharmaceuticals are each making a contribution towards this project to develop the vaccine.

“We use the laboratories here but more than that, the university is dealing with all the legal aspects of our work and in this case, they are working with the company in Holland. At the same time the university helps protect our rights as inventors,” Cello said.

“We don’t have the ability to commercialize all these products and [Janssen] have a system where we can produce a huge amount of the vaccine,” he continued.

While we are developing the seed strain, they are making it safer and cheaper,” Cello said.

“The most worthwhile part of the process, Cello said, is the chance to help people avoid contracting the disease.”

“I think it’s nice. I think everyone wants their research to be used in a way that will help,” Cello said.

“In this case, eradicate a disease or treat a disease and you’re helping the society. To see something is put in action in this way and see this result, it’s rewarding.”

Dr. Jeronimo Cello, Dr. Eckard Wimmer, Dr. Benjamin Hsiao and Dr. Sean Boykevisch are working a polio vaccine in collaboration with Janssen Pharmaceuticals.

Stony Brook considers implementing new online courses

By Will Welch

The ad hoc task force assigned by Provost Dennis Assanis to investigate Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in December indicated at a town hall meeting held last Wednesday at the Wang Center that Stony Brook would benefit from instituting online classes.

MOOCs are online courses designed to be open to the public and support thousands of students. The most common form of these classes utilizes both recorded lectures and interactive content that checks student comprehension. MOOCs have been quickly adopted over the past six months by top-tier universities such as Princeton, Brown, Columbia and Duke, which all began offering courses last year.

“Recent developments in technology for digital education and the rampant emergence of massive open online courses (MOOCs) are eroding the perception of a game-changing, disruptive educational approach that has the potential to transform both access to education as well as the methods we use to teach our own students and the world,” Assanis said in a recent email to the Stony Brook Community.

Coursera, the largest MOOC platform, already has more than 2,661,000 learners enrolled in 222 courses. The committee cited several reasons for strong MOOC offerings at Stony Brook, including production resources, existing online course offerings, benefits for current students and publicity.

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-Paul Bingham, chair of the branding subcommittee

Because these courses are public by nature, there is a potential to raise the profile of the university with high-quality offerings. "We think MOOCs can greatly enhance the Stony Brook brand," Paul Bingham, chair of the branding subcommittee, said.

MOOCs also have the potential to help with pressure on general education courses with high retake rates. By allowing current students to fulfill course requirements online, demand for live versions of the courses can be reduced.

MOOC technology can also be used to fulfill other in-house functions, such as supplementing classes with interactive content and educating students about resources available on campus during orientation.

Stony Brook already hosts several online courses through the School of Nursing and Biology Online. The School of Nursing runs classes through the SUNY Learning Network, which offers a variety of classes to students in the SUNY system. Biology Online, which is run by the department of biochemistry and cell biology, provides access to three undergraduate courses and two graduate courses for students enrolled at Stony Brook.

Given these offerings as well as resources like the Center for Communication Science, SBU TV, the Simons Center and Teaching, Learning and Technology, the task force strongly felt that Stony Brook has the capacity to support high quality online classes.

The task force is considering several different platforms for the production of courses, including edX, a non-profit project founded by MIT and Harvard; Coursera, currently the largest of available platforms; Udacity, a Stanford University project; and several learning management systems, including Moodle, Blackboard and Instructure.

Regardless of the system, the task force emphasized that free MOOCs would represent only a segment of Stony Brook’s development of online education resources. MOOCs are courses developed for enrolled students and other content.

Several different models exist for awarding credit for online classes. Some courses allow students to purchase a certificate of completion after finishing a course, while others offer a paid certification test. It is also possible to allow students who pay tuition for the class to receive university credit, while others can take the class for free of charge just for the benefit of learning. Selling textbooks and other educational materials are other means of generating revenue.

The immediate goal the task force is recommending the development of a small number of courses to offer through Coursera, which will provide a low-cost and visible entry into the MOOC market. Over the long term, they are recommending the establishment of a committee to manage the development of MOOCs and other online content.

Stony Brook began looking into MOOCs in December, prior to SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher’s State of the University Address, where she announced a system wide initiative to begin publishing online classes. The task force is co-chaired by Eduardo Mendlera, chair of the philosophy department, and Wendy Tang, associate chair of the electrical and computer engineering department.
Sailing to Success
True Tales Beyond the Regatta

It had been not once, but twice, that Bill Sallustro, in concert with a team of students, sailed his homegrown seafaring vessels to victory in the Roth Pond Regatta. This was indicative of one of Bill's personal assets: seizing opportunities and transforming them into achievements.

In an unsuspecting fashion, he managed to accomplish that feat, and a surprising number of others in a relatively short period. But how?

To start with, when Billy was an undergraduate student at SBU, he applied for a position in campus dining to help make ends meet. After starting as a beverage runner, Billy sailed through a progression of positions in campus dining as a student manager, supervisor, production manager, director of management information systems and assistant director of operations.

Billy had simply leveraged his accumulated work experiences in Campus Dining by building upon the most desirable work skills—interpersonal, technological and managerial. In other words, just as he crafted a seaworthy vessel to assure its buoyancy—to keep it afloat during all kinds of circumstances—he built tangibility into his budding career.

Lesson learned?

The key question that typically goes unasked—and unanswered—by students during their college years, is whether there is any "ship" that they can anchor to, for launching a series of future successes.

When have you last asked yourself:
Am I seeking and seizing opportunities that can pay off with various perceived—and unimagined—dividends?

No time like the present. Do you take advantage of opportunity when it comes knocking on your door? For example, in the realm of student employment, employers who offer progressive programs should be looked at closely. Around campus, the smart money is on the exclusive EXCELERATED PAY PROGRAM from Campus Dining Services, which can yield more than a dozen pay increases—not to mention all sorts of bonuses in one year. Of course, all the other unimagined dividends such as expanding your network of contacts, work knowledge, etc, can also come along for the ride.

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Secrets: they are no fun unless you anonymously write them down on a post-it and see them displayed in the Student Activities Center (SAC) art gallery. For this Stony Brook Secrets art exhibit, students were encouraged to anonymously write their secrets and put them in boxes around campus. Those secrets will be displayed in the SAC art gallery.

The show is intended to bring together people of different backgrounds and lifestyles. For some viewers, Stony Brook Secrets will be their first time in a gallery setting. If we get a new donation, shoot, we'll give out more," Warner said. As of Friday, The Craft Center had given out all of their teddy bears and had more than 300 secrets.

Along with emphasizing community, the Craft Center is looking to collaborate and show off talents. The Craft Center attracted student secrets by giving away teddy bears that they had accrued over the years. The promotional component also freed up space.

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Last year, students' secrets were displayed in a colorful collage on the SAC Gallery's walls.
Staller attracts students with cheap ticket prices and deals

By Deanna Del Giello

In the heart of Stony Brook University's research-based and science-focused campus sits the Staller Center for the Arts. Home to approximately 300 professional and student performances, the center is a hub for entertainment for the surrounding community. But it cannot seem to catch the attention of those who pass its walls each day--SBU students.

“We are currently [around] 11 percent students, 28 percent faculty and staff, 61 percent community,” Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center, said of show attendance.

Inkles said the Staller Center markets to students differently than the outside community because it is harder to get the students’ attention to draw them in for a show.

“There’s so many distractions now,” Inkles said. “It’s a generation that also didn’t grow up going to the theater. Why would they come see a show when they could go to a party with their friends? It’s not something on the top of their list.”

Because of this disparity between what students find to be entertaining and the type of entertainment the Staller Center offers, the center has created marketing programs to help increase student attendance.

“First On Us” is a program that gives students their first ticket to a show at the Staller Center for free. Marketed toward freshmen and transfer students, promotions are given to the students via flyers in orientation materials and in the daily planners handed out at the orientation ceremony.

“Early Student Rush” one month during the year when during which student tickets for all shows are priced at $7. Students can always purchase rush tickets the night of a show, however, the month of “Early Student Rush” tickets can be purchased at all times. “Early Student Rush’ is currently this month.

Both programs started a few years ago when the Staller Center put more focus on marketing to students. Since then, there has been a rise in student attendance according to Outreach Coordinator Paul Newman.

According to Newman, the marquee that was installed on the front of the building last fall has also helped attract students. The marquee, which advertises a variety of the available shows and movies, faces a popular hangout spot on campus—the Staller Steps. In the warm weather, students flock to the grassy area to hang out with friends between classes.

While the effort to bring in more students has been working, many students still have yet to attend a show, and others remain unaware of the program.

“It’s just so close and right there,” Syed Hosain, a sophomore business major who has not attended a show at Staller Center, said. “It’s so easy to access that you just think you can always go and then never do. But it is something that I definitely want to do.” Hosain said he was not aware about “First On Us” or “Early Student Rush,” but that he has seen advertisements and promotions for the shows around campus.

Michelle Hong, a senior applied math statistics major, said she has attended shows in which her friends had not been introduced, but now do.

She was also unaware of the programs the center implemented to attract students.

It is this disconnect that has inspired the Staller Center to grow its social media presence in the hopes of reaching out to more students.

“We’re hoping to do more with Twitter and we’re trying to make our Facebook more dynamic,” Julie Greene, the director of marketing at the Staller Center, said. “We’ll keep adding things as we go, Instagram if we need to. We’d really like the Staller Center Facebook and Twitter be something that students really want to check.”

For Inkles, getting students into the shows is a priority.

“I want the number [of student attendance] up to 20 percent in the next two years,” Inkles said. “That will be accomplished with programming geared more for students and more campus outreach and marketing.”

Having a student in attendance is more important for Inkles than the possible profit from selling a ticket to the community.

“I would rather have a student sitting in one of the seats for free,” Inkles said, “than have an empty $35 seat that night.”

Maybe Inkles’ enthusiasm can make the Staller Center a hub of entertainment for the students, as well as the surrounding community.

"Beautiful Creatures": bad plot overshadows good romance

By Jon Winkler

Expectations for the casual movie viewer were probably not high for “Beautiful Creatures,” which is Hollywood’s latest attempt to fill the fantasy romance franchise gap that the “Twilight” franchise left after it concluded last November.

Hollywood tried to sell “Warm Bodies,” the story of a girl who falls for an emotionally-conflicted and charming zombie teenager… who was also a zombie. “Warm Bodies,” though a noble attempt, was dead on arrival (no pun intended). Zombie romance was something that could destroy a movie work well is chemistry between the cast members, while one thing that could destroy a movie is a ridiculous plot. Both are featured in this adaptation of the 2009 novel of the same name, and both make the film somewhat passable entertainment.

In the town of Gatlin, South Carolina, lives Ethan Wate (Alden Ehrenreich), a junior in high school who longs to leave his conservative, single-minded hick town and venture into an actual Civil War reenactment like a religious ceremony and write books on war with Kurt Vonnegut. Ethan lives with an unseen father (his mother passed away earlier), but he is primarily cared for by the town librarian, Amma (Oscar nominee Viola Davis).

He returns to school of his junior year to a new girl in his class and his town. Her name is Lena Duchannes (Alice Englert), but the kids in the school tease her for being the niece of old man Ravenwood, the town shut-in. Lena disturbs the church-going Dixie girls in school, but she entices Ethan because he believes he has had dreams about her before. She disdains for the upright kids in town and interest in books on loneliness and the inner self only makes Ethan more curious. He pursues Lena and eventually meets old man Ravenwood, Macon (Oscar winner Jeremy Irons), who wants Lena away from this boy. Eventually, Lena tells Ethan that she is a “caster” and that she is to be “claimed” for either the light or dark on her 16th birthday.

Lena, her guard let down, adores Ethan but does not want him to experience her family. This includes her cousin Ridley (Emmy Rossum) and her mother, Sarafine (Oscar winner Emma Thompson), who is also the town’s town librarian, who is torn between her supposed destiny and her desired love, but she fears losing control of herself more than losing Ethan.

Yes, Lena’s choice is very typical of teen love stories, and it is very cheesy. On the plus side, Lena and Ethan do make a cute couple. Ehrenreich and Englert are newcomers to the big screen, but they share great chemistry. Ehrenreich’s Ethan is funny and charming as can be, and he matches with the alluring Englert. Irons and Thompson are two world-class actors who deserve better movies than this, but they both have a ball wearing high class clothing and casting spells, especially when they trade words face to face. Rossum looks better than anyone else in the movie, but, then again, she plays a wideassess, so it is understandable.

What hurts “Beautiful Creatures” in the entire plot itself. The witch plot is not interesting at all, and the cheap special effects do not help matters much. If the movie had better screenwriting and eliminated the entire witch subplot, it could have been an enjoyable romantic comedy.

“Beautiful Creatures” is more entertaining than “Warm Bodies” and has a better romantic couple than anything in all five “Twilight” films, so this should be a great date movie to have in your arsenal when you are with your partner cuddling on the couch. But alas, writer-director Richard LaGravenese remains faithful to the novel and its fan base, which is sad because the transition from book to movie is dull.
CPO and CHOICE promote safe sex to prevent HIV

By Nicole Bansen
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Valentine’s Day might be over, but the last thing sexually active college students want to give their significant other is HIV or an STI. That’s why the Center for Prevention and Outreach (CPO), along with Choosing Healthy Options in a College Environment (CHOICE), will be doing what they can to make the importance of safe sex clear to the Stony Brook campus.

CPO is a university resource that considers students safety a top priority. The group of staff, student peer educators (like CHOICE) and volunteers provide students with services dealing with alcohol and other substances, relationships, gender issues and making healthy choices. This year in particular, CPO will be heavily promoting safe sex because of the $10,000 grant they received.

According to Kathleen Valerio, a health educator and peer education program coordinator for CPO, the grant is a NY State Prevention Materials Grant and will be used toward HIV prevention.

“I coordinate weekly HIV on campus testing, provided by Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAC) and schedule/coordinate campus HIV testing events with area nonprofits,” Valerio said in an email.

LIAC does private screenings on campus so students do not have to feel uncomfortable. It is a quick and painless test that requires nothing more than a swab of the mouth. To check for STIs, students need to urinate in a cup. However, students who think they are in immediate risk of having HIV can make a special scheduled screening, where they go through a different type of testing other than the swab, which is the basic testing method. Other ways the grant money is helping is by supplying each Residence Hall Director (RHD) in each quad with a large packet of both male and female condoms for every Resident Assistant (RA) to offer to their residents, as well as an HIV handout created for the RAs.

Normally, RHDS would have to pay for their own building’s supply of condoms, but with the help of the grant, they are able to save money. Besides condoms and HIV testing, CPO has planned other ways to reach out to students about safe sex.

This past Valentine’s Day, CPO, along with Consumer Student Services, Student Health Services and Planned Parenthood, they held an event called “Love Carefully,” in which they talked about safer sex and how to protect oneself. They also encouraged students to “know your status.”

There are also programs done by these organizations called “Flying Solo” and programs through CHOICE that promote safer sex for students.

Pavi Chadha, a CHOICE intern and sophomore majoring in biology, thinks events like these are important.

“Nowadays, it’s common for people to have many sexual partners,” Chadha said. “HIV and AIDS are really high in America and I feel like that’s for no reason because we have so means to prevent ourselves from getting them. Why risk your immune system for a couple minutes of fun?”

But it is not just HIV or AIDS students have to worry about contracting from unprotected sex. They are also at risk for unwanted pregnancies, STIs or STDs.

“Sometimes people won’t even know if they have STIs,” said Chadha. “If you just protect yourself then it’s a sure thing and you’ll know you don’t have them.”

Some STIs manifest symptoms in males but not females, so students can never be too sure if they are at risk. It is especially dangerous for couples who have had multiple sexual partners.

“It’s okay to have fun,” Chadha said. “But definitely think of the consequences of your actions. If you choose to be intimate, be smart, protect yourself. Think it through and most importantly, be safe.”

Part of CPO’s $10,000 grant is used to provide condoms for the quads on campus.

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The thankless task

This past weekend, Stony Brook University was shaken by the passing of one of its students. The Statesman reached out to the campus community looking for comments and information on the incident. Although no journalist enjoys covering these kinds of stories, the truth is that not doing so would have been a greater disservice to Jocelyn Pascucci and would have ignored The Statesman’s civic duty. In a matter of hours, Twitter lit up with negative comments pertaining to The Statesman and a wider discussion on journalistic ethics; specifically the insensitive nature of the press when dealing with tragic events such as the death of Jocelyn Pascucci.

Consider for a moment the alternative to The Statesman’s reportage on the situation. The Statesman has published an article similar to the ones found in “The New York Post,” “CBS” or “The New York Times”—a sterile article detailing how the doorman of an East Village apartment building found Ms. Pascucci unconscious and how she was pronounced dead at the hospital. But this type of reportage would be a disservice to Jocelyn. We’re all worth more than the type of article that these media organizations published. A quick Google search online of someone’s name should not show the headline “Co-ed dies after partying.” Indeed, The Statesman chose to reach out and get more information about Jocelyn and who she was from the people who knew her best: her friends and family. Jocelyn wasn’t a drug-addict or a drunk; she was a bright, talented young lady. She was an undergraduate fellow for the Undergraduate College of Arts, Culture and Humanities, an avid artist, and a beloved friend and daughter.

We—Stony Brook students—are all grieving. Painting the picture of a life well-lived (with the help of Jocelyn’s friends and family) is the final service we can do for Jocelyn. The friends of students who have passed can help to set the story straight so that all can remember the deceased the way he or she was meant to be remembered. Instead of taking to Twitter to berate The Statesman about the actions taken by its staff, we ask that you help us make sure that Jocelyn’s life isn’t misunderstood. Take a step back and read the media’s coverage of Jocelyn’s death. Now read ours.

The Statesman comprises a group of volunteer staff who are people, too. Journalists all over the world have to do this thankless job and covering death—especially the death of a peer—is never welcomed. Nobody wakes up in the morning excited to contact grieving people about the friend or family member they recently lost. Our staff performs this task in the interest of providing truthful, accurate information and in serving the community. It comes from a place of respect for the family and friends of the deceased. Not one of our staff members wants to see anything published but the truth. The community should remember Jocelyn for who she was, and as journalists, we do our best to preserve her memory.

Though we never hope for something like this to happen, we hope before you judge The Statesman, you realize we are doing a job that not many can do. Contacting loved ones is not easy. It’s hard to separate yourself from the situation when it hits so close to home. But these are things that as journalists, writers, and staff, we all learn to deal with. To clarify, Statesman reporters did not inform anyone that Jocelyn had passed away. That is not our place, nor did we publish anything until The Statesman had contacted the police department and received an official confirmation. The Statesman contacted the victim’s friends to find out more about who Jocelyn was. When these individuals refrained from responding, our staff never badgered them.

The fact that we are a campus publication shouldn’t take away from the fact that The Statesman is a legitimate news source. The reality is that we care a lot more about covering the story because we had a connection to Jocelyn. She was our peer and a student at our university, and as a fellow student, we feel much more obligated to report the story in depth. The larger news organizations treat this as just news, but to The Statesman, it’s much more than that. We lost a member of our community, and for The Statesman to be targeted as insensitive for trying to get the full story is hurtful. Covering the death of a student, as a student, is not something we enjoy. We do it because we hope to be remembered and respected in the same way if something were to happen to us.

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By Keith Olsen

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By Michael Newcomer

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**Pope Benedict XVI attends a ceremony to mark the 900th birthday of the Knights of Malta, one of the most peculiar organizations in the world at St. Peter's Basilica.**

**Stony Brook campus dining is lacking taste**

By Michael Newcomer

Catholic Week Staff

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**Dining at Stony Brook is a joke. I know this isn't new information, and it's not just Stony Brook. I've heard many students complain at other universities that their dining options are limited or just plain gross.**

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Managing Editor

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**General Hassan Shateri was killed responsible for the assassination. Shateri was a senior leader of the Revolutionary Guard, which is a branch of the Iranian military.**

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**North Korea**

Afler warning the world of what it was about to accomplish, North Korea detonated another nuclear device. This is the Asian country's third nuclear test, which is reported to be the most powerful. It has deservedly, more importantly, it's also the smallest nuclear device that North Korea has successfully tested. By decreasing the size of the bomb, North Korea will eventually be able to construct a device that is small enough to fit in a missile warhead.

North Korea's traditional allies have not supported or encouraged this. A joint Chinese Foreign Ministry releaseed a statement in which they claim that "it is China's firm stance to remain firmly opposed to any test and threatened more importantly, it's also the smallest nuclear device that North Korea has successfully tested. By decreasing the size of the bomb, North Korea will eventually be able to construct a device that is small enough to fit in a missile warhead."

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Russia

The biggest meteor in more than a hundred years exploded over Russia while entering the atmosphere on February 15. The rock was estimated to weigh roughly 10,000 tons, and the explosion, which was caused by friction between the rock and atmosphere, was powerful at 300-500 kilotons of TNT.

The blast occurred over the city of Chelyabinsk, a hydrodynamically rich area of Russia, over a thousand people suffered medical care, mainly from the broken glass. There were also reports of damage, and the explosion which was momentarily brighter than the sun. There was an even larger meteor in 1908 that exploded over the town of Tunguska, which flattened over 320 square miles of trees.
The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team certainly started their season on the right foot on Saturday, defeating Bucknell on the road by the score of 20-5. Nine different players scored for the Seawolves in the game.

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Women's basketball splits road trip

By Jason Mazza

In an all-America East road trip, the Seawolves came away with a split in two 3-point games.

On Wednesday, they beat the Binghamton Bearcats 60-57, and then on Saturday they lost to Vermont 46-43.

Stony Brook was led all week by senior Jessica Previlon, who notched two double-doubles, bringing her season total to an America East-leading eight double-doubles.

Junior point guard Trasha Harris led all scorers on Wednesday with 14 points, making four out of 10 shot attempts and hitting all four of her free throw attempts.

Junior Chikilra Goodman and Freshman Brittany Snow chipped in 11 points each.

With less than three minutes left in the game, the Seawolves found themselves losing 43-31. Unfortunately, they could only cut that lead to three before the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Stony Brook only shot 25.9 percent from the floor in the game, and only hit 16.7 percent in the first half.

Previlon led Stony Brook with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Snow chipped in 11 points as well.

Despite the final score, coach Beth O’Boyle was very happy with her team after the game as they showed more resiliency and resolve down the stretch.

The Seawolves will now play the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, at home on Wednesday.

Baseball picked to win AE again

By Jason Mazza

The softball team started off the season in Florida from Friday to Sunday and finished in the Denver Classic in Farmville, Va. this weekend.

Coming off of its first appearance in the College World Series, Stony Brook was picked to repeat as AE champs.

Junior Chikilra Goodman and Junior Cole Frey’s pin was absolutely critical to the team’s success.

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seventh. Calukow suffered her second loss of the season, giving up 13 hits and eight earned runs.

In the final day of the tournament, Stony Brook matched up with No. 17 Louisville one last time, ending in a Seawolves defeat, 5-0.

In a much more competitive game than their first meeting, Louisville only got seven hits, five off of Sallen, and scored in only three innings. Stony Brook had five hits.

The Seawolves scored the game’s first run off of an RBI single by Kiyidzura in the bottom of the second, but with two more runs scored in the fourth. The score stuck after when Kayla Soles hit a two-run homer off of Lucido.

The last game of the tournament ended with an 11-4 loss against Ohio State. The Buckeyes scored 11 runs on 18 hits.

Calukow gave up four runs on nine hits after Sallen took over in the fifth. Ohio State scored six runs in the top of the fifth making the score 10-1. Stony Brook countered with two runs in the bottom and then scored their last run off of a wild pitch in the seventh.

Stony Brook did not hit a home run over the weekend, but did record two doubles.

The Seawolves are looking forward to the Longwood Adidas Spring Classic in Farmville, Va. this weekend where they will take on Longwood and Bucknell twice each.

The Seawolves are happy about their strong ball movement in the first half. Six of Stony Brook’s eight first-half goals were assisted.

Stony Brook can also take solace in the fact that five of their nine goals came from freshmen. Schulitz and Eastwood combined for five goals and 11 shots in the loss in Stony Brook.

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Jeff Tundo contributed to Stony Brook’s offense with three goals and an assist on Saturday against Marist.

Wrestling has first home meet at Ward Melville High School

By Jason Mazza

The Ward Melville high school wrestling program has seen it all now. It has seen the wrestling powerhouse that all Section 11 and some of the best All American wrestlers of our time. From Piscataway to Piscataway, young and old, Long Island has been the best in the world of wrestling. But for the first time in a long time Section 11 got to witness Stony Brook Wrestling.

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M-LAX goes cold in second half

Despite the loss, the Seawolves can be happy about their strong ball movement in the first half.

Stony Brook fell to Marist 11-3 after leading 5-1 in the second.

Jean Lucussarto was also impressive in his collegiate debut, winning 15 of 24 draws. He tallied a game-high eight ground balls.

Senior Jeff Tundo not only had a hat trick on the day, but also added an assist and five shots on net. He has tallied three points in three straight games now, and four out of this last five going back to last season. Junior Cole Milligan also had a career high three assists on the day.

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball defeats Vermont 65-48
Rouse key off the bench, SBU now holds two game lead of lstplace
By David O'Connor & Joe Galotti
Managing Editor & Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's basketball team defeated the University of Vermont Catamounts on Friday evening in front of a sell-out crowd 65-48, cementing its first-place position in the America East with a conference record of 10-2 and an overall record of 19-6 with four games left in the season.

"Our defense was where we wanted it to be," head coach Steve Pikiell said after the game. "We've got a long way to go here.

In Vermont, this year's conference tournament champion, winning the game on Stony Brook's home court. The Seawolves also dealt the Seawolves' first conference loss of the season last month.

It's always good to get a win against them," senior forward Tommy Brenton said; he totaled 13 points, six assists and six rebounds.

The Catamounts edged ahead of the Seawolves early in the game, but neither team was able to go on a run. Then senior guard Marcus Rose hit two three-pointers in a row to drive the crowd into a frenzy. Coming off the bench, Rose scored a game-high 16 points.

"I played such a terrible game against Vermont last season, so I had to redeem myself," he said with a laugh. "I've accepted my role coach said that I would be instant offense off of the bench." Overall, the Stony Brook bench scored 29 points, twice as many as Vermont's would. Our depth has always been important to us. Rouse is a key guy coming off it," Pikiell said. "I play 10 guys. When you play defense we play defense, you need 10 guys. It bodes well in the future.

Vermont kept the game close, going on a 6-0 run to reduce its deficit to 20-19. But Stony Brook responded with a 7-0 run of its own. It pushed ahead to have a 35-29 going into the locker room at halftime.

The Seawolves proceeded to dump down on the Catamounts in the second half, allowing them to score only 19 points for the remainder of the game, or 24.1 percent shooting. By comparison, the Seawolves made half of their shots in the first half.

Making a strong showing in the second half was freshman forward Jameel Warney, who scored 10 of Stony Brook's 30 points in that period. "You start seeing chances open up, and we did such a good job attacking the rim in the second half," he said, highlighting the fact that other teams putting multiple people to defend him. "Our team is talented enough to score without me having the input. [The defense] have to pick their poison.

After the half, the Seawolves went on an 11-point run to secure for themselves a 55-37 lead. They established a lead that Vermont would be unable to overcome. They were able to coast to another victory with the added blessing of defeating the second-place team in the conference.

The Seawolves brought home a victory earlier in the week too with a win against Binghamton 73-67 on Tuesday night. "We played Stony Brook defense and we rebounded," Pikiell said. "It was a guy team effort all the way around.

After taking a 39-26 lead into halftime, the Seawolves did not give Binghamton any glimmer of hope to start the second half. Stony Brook started the half on a 9-0 run, which included two three-pointers by junior guard Anthony Jackson, and took a commanding 22-point lead. From there, Stony Brook only continued to build upon its lead as it grew to as high as 34 points at one point.

Stony Brook's ball movement was strong all night and the team did a good job of finding the open man, allowing it to make nine three-pointers on the night, including six in the second half.

The Seawolves shot 45.5 percent overall in the game, and held the Bearcats to 29.1 percent from the field.

The Seawolves got contributions from many different players in this game. Junior guard Dave Coley led all scorers with 15 points, nine of which came in the first half. Jackson had 12 points. The Stony Brook backcourt was strong all evening, registering a season-high 19 assists against just 11 turnovers.

Brenton was dominant on the boards all night, grabbing five offensive rebounds and a total of 14 boards overall. His work on the boards was one of the major reasons Stony Brook was able to score 17 second-chance points. Freshman forward Jameel Warney also added a spark from the bench, scoring nine points and six assists across just 18 minutes.

"I was trying to attack and get my teammates involved," Purifoy said. "They were in the right spots, and I just got them the ball and they converted." Senior guard Marcus Rouse also gave Stony Brook nine points off three shoots made from behind the arc. He is now in ninth place all time in Stony Brook's Division I career three pointers list.

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Marcus Rouse goes for a lay-up against Vermont's Clancy Rugg during the first half. Rouse finished with 16 points.

After making historic run to College World Series last year, baseball hopes to continue momentum this year
By Catie Curatolo
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Three goals spiece from freshman Brody Eastwood and senior Jeff Tundo were not enough as the Stony Brook men's lacrosse squad's goals in its season opener at Marist 13-9.

The Seawolves jumped out to a 4-0 lead early on, and led 8-5 at 1:58 left in the second quarter. The Seawolves were then held scoreless for the rest of the quarter and the first of the second.

Marist took advantage of Stony Brook's offensive struggles in the second half and scored five unanswered goals to take its first lead of the game, 9-8, with 5:12 left in the third. The Red Foxes led 10-8 after a goal by Mike Beglin's goal. A good by

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By Joe Galotti
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Expectations are high for the baseball team this season.

The four-time America East champions traveled to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., last June. Despite being eliminated in just two games, the team's journey garnered the attention of baseball fans across the country, who were charmed by their underdog story.

As the Seawolves face a new challenge with more eyes turned on them this season than ever before, there's pressure to perform.

After losing seven key players to the MLB draft, many are asking if the Seawolves are just a one-hit wonder. To those thinking this might be a "rebuilding" year, head coach Matt Senk says no.

"We're looking to win," Senk said. "For a long time here, I think a part of our winning culture is that we don't look to rebuild, we look to reload and that's kind of been our mindset.

When he realized he might lose his star players to the draft — including All-American juniors Travis Jankowski and Kevin Krause and Steven Goldstein will retain their spots in the starting line-up.

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It won't be all new faces, however; several key players from last year's team are now sophomores whom Senk is relying on to keep up last season's momentum.

At All-American freshmen last year, sophomores Cole Peragine, Kevin Krause and Steven Goldstein will remain in the starting line-up.

"Peragine and Goldstein will remain at shortstop and in the outfield, respectively, but former designated hitter Krause will take over for catcher Pat Caruso, who graduated and was drafted by the Texas Rangers.

Junior Kevin Courtney played first base for most of last year, and is expected to remain there for the 2013 season.

Tanner Nivins, one of two seniors (the other is righty pitcher G.C. Yerry), has been a starter in the outfield since his freshman year and is expected to be vital in leading the team.

Senk is planning to rely heavily on his pitchers as well, saying that, while his team is strong offensively, pitching and defense are the areas "where we feel [we] really won games on a consistent basis."

With fourteen pitchers on the roster, there is no shortage of arms in the Seawolves' bullpen.

Junior Brandon McNitt, who saw time in the College World Series last year, giving up just four earned runs against Florida State, will be Senk's number one, followed by fellow junior Frankie Vandenber, who hauled a complete game against LSU in June to send the Seawolves to Omaha.

"It's really kind of just trying to be strong in all areas, but it