The Hilton Garden Inn at Stony Brook, which provides accommodations for thousands of guests and visitors who attend Stony Brook University events and activities, will raise its guest room rates per room and per evening during the May commencement.

"This is a high demand for all of Long Island, since it is a holiday and start of the summer season," Jeannine Lang, director of sales and marketing for the Hilton Garden Inn at Stony Brook, said.

The rise of guest room rates will be in effect on Memorial Day.

Guest room rates will start at $279 per room, per evening. The Hilton Garden Inn at Stony Brook will provide students and their family with guest rooms, dining, the hotel's private banquet rooms and other features and amenities.

The Hilton guest room prices are about $419. The price jumped from that price to $279 per room per evening because of the high demand in the Stony Brook area and other surrounding areas. Other hotels near Stony Brook will be sold out, Lang said.

"The rate is set by the time of year and the demand as well," she added.

The intersection of the university's May commencement and Memorial Day weekend is the main reason for the increase in guest room rates.

Lang insisted that hotel prices are higher during the holidays. The hotel has to deal with high demand for hotel rooms, travelers booking plans and other demands.

The Hilton Garden Inn has 135 guest rooms, including 12 junior suites, four executive suites, a full service garden grill serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a Pavilion Lounge and Bar.

The hotel provides a nine-passenger shuttle that will be available to the Stony Brook train station, Stony Brook village, Port Jefferson village and around campus.

The university requires drivers to have a Stony Brook University ID card present at the main entrance. Drivers will have to stop at the gate and tell the main.

Locals complaining about SBU students

By Giselle Barkley
Staff Writer

Local residents have a number of issues with off-campus housing, that could jeopardize housing options for students if left unresolved.

According to News 4 New York, Brookhaven residents are unhappy with landlords violating town codes and failing to enforce rules and regulations upon students. They have reported landlords housing more than four unrelated people within their property, which is against town code.

Furthermore, homeowners believe that off-campus housing available to students may diminish the neighborhood's property value.

This year, residents reached their tipping point, protesting houses purchased by investors for off-campus housing purposes, according to both News 4 New York and "Newday."

Gloria Racchini, president of the Ward Melville Heritage Foundation, said officials had not addressed the issue in its early stages, when there were fewer problems. Now, Brookhaven officials and Stony Brook University are working together to resolve the issues in an effort to maintain off-campus housing for students, clear up confusion regarding housing rules and address the concerns of residents.

Anna Lubitz, president

Getting to know USG candidates

By Matt Sacco
Staff Writer

At a debate held on Tuesday in the Student Activities Center, executive candidates for the next academic year's Undergraduate Student Government expressed viewpoints largely party-driven, but ones also putting community and teamwork as a high priority.

The event was sponsored by The Speech and Debate Society and The Statesman.

This year saw the emergence of two parties in USG, the Seawolves for Change Party and The After Party. Seawolves For Change wishes to continue to concentrate most of USG's spending into club stipends, while The After Party wants to broaden the areas of its spending to include an expansion of services such as PASS tutoring, along with addressing tuition increases and the quality of campus dining.

Starting with the treasurer ticket, each candidate took a brief interval to introduce themselves, their experience and their administrative plans for the future. They then answered questions posed by the student body, selected at random by the election administrative board.

One question for the treasurer candidates asked for an explanation of the Faculty Student Association (FSA) fee, which is paid to the clerical faculty who have auxiliary roles in USG. Both treasurer candidates, Wesly Hawkins (SFC) and Brian McIlvain (TAP) said they would better familiarize themselves with the fee to make sure it is being allocated in an appropriate way, though neither candidate elaborated on what constituted their notions of appropriateness.

A major issue for the VP candidates Ryan Heislin (SFC) and Mallory Rothstein (TAP)
NEWS:

Director of Athletic Bands to retire at the end of the semester

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Students at Stony Brook now have a way to make over their wardrobes without spending a dime thanks to the new Seawolves Swap program, through which students trade in old clothes and receive vouchers for new items.

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Millenials found to care about parenting

Studies show that the modern "Millenial Generation" places more emphasis on being a good parent than on being in a successful marriage.

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"Evil Dead" brings cult classic scares to a whole new generation

Thanks to new technology and a $14,000,000 budget, the remake of "Evil Dead" successfully explores new ways to frighten the audience with the right amount of dark imagery and references to classic horror films.

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SPORTS:

Hockey pres Wes Hawkins running for USG Treasurer

Junior Wesley Hawkins, who is both president of and one of the top forwards on the Stony Brook Ice Hockey Team (he scored 10 goals and 13 assists in 31 games this past season), speaks about his decision to run for USG treasurer in the upcoming elections.

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Baseball falls to Albany in three-game sweep

Two homers from Kevin Courtney and a three-hit day on Sunday for Cole Peragine weren’t enough to save the Seawolves in their three games against Albany this weekend, which they lost 5-4, 9-6 and 4-3.

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Brandon McNitt balances baseball and biology

With a schedule that includes being the SBU baseball team’s starting pitcher and a slew of biochemistry classes, Brandon McNitt is a strong believer in the power of focus and discipline.

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ARTS:

Stony Brook Arts Gallery renamed after donation

The Stony Brook Arts Gallery in Staller will bear Paul W. Zuccaire’s name, after the namesake of a foundation that’s ready to donate half a million dollars to save it from financial troubles.

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Director of Athletic Bands to retire at the end of semester

John Leddy leaving music department after being in charge for seven years

By Mike Seeley
Staff Writer

When the Stony Brook University Marching Band plays its first event next semester, there will be new faces. One face, however, will stand out among the new members of the ensemble, because at the end of this semester, John Leddy, 61, Director of Athletic Bands, will be retiring from his position.

Leddy has been in charge of the marching band since the day of its foundation in 2006. He said he has watched it grow almost 10 times in size. “When we had our first band camp, there were 20 kids,” Leddy said. “By the third year we might have crossed 100 and now we’re at about 185.”

The Brooklyn native and Huntington-grown man, who has led this new band to such fears as playing the Javits Center in Manhattan, being in an episode of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” and being in a New York Lottery commercial, has always had a passion for music. “When I was a kid, I wanted to be Ringo Starr,” he said. “I just wanted to sit in the back of the stage and play the drums.”

And play the drums he did. He said he started playing them when he was 10 years old and still plays them today. In fact, it was the drums that sparked Leddy’s interest in marching bands.

“I remember being a little kid and feeling the thud and sound of the drums when a marching band would go by,” he said. “It would take my breath away.”

Leddy took that interest and taught music and directed bands in the Connetquot School District for 33 years. When that came to an end, he said a friend of his told him that a marching band was starting up at Stony Brook University. Leddy was not so enthused.

“I was really not interested in being the director at first,” he said. But after some persuasion from that friend and some interaction with the staff and students, he said his mind had been changed.

The first performance the band played is a memory that sticks with him. “I asked, ‘Do you remember the first time we played at the marching band competition in 2009?’ One of the members said, ‘Yeah, we'll never forget it.’”

Some of the members said, though, that this enthusiasm was the result of Leddy himself. Kethrik Rao, 21, who is studying neurobiology and one of the three current drum majors, said that when he first joined the marching band in 2009, he always thought of band directors as strict and discouraging because that was how his high school’s director was. Leddy made him believe otherwise.

“I messed up once and he was very kind and laid back about it,” Rao said. “Not in a way that he didn’t care, but that he knew I would a find a way to correct my mistakes.”

He was the kind of director that believed in his students, Rao continued. “Leddy was flustered during a show once and I told him maybe we should do this and that,” he said. “And he trusted me enough to go through with my idea.”

Leddy said he knew he was “teaching smart people,” and knew they could handle themselves. By letting them do their own thing, he said, the band developed cheer and traditions that fans enjoy to this day, such as the fourth quarter Godzillas versus King Kong dance and chant set to “We Will Rock You.”

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According to Megan Spicer, 23, a former drum major from the class of 2012, Leddy was more than a director.

“He was involved in everything we did, not just the band,” Spicer said. “I’ve talked to him in his office for like three hours just about what was going on in my life. He was my head honcho.”

Besides his caring personality, the phrase “Oh baby!” will never be forgotten. According to Eric Kuniz, 22, studying neurobiology and another current drum major, Leddy would say this when something went great. Leddy said that he feels like he may have picked it up from American basketball sportscaster Dick Vitale.

The married man of 38 years and father of two said it has been an incredible journey and will be hard to give it all up, but it is time to move on, for him and the band.

“It’s a young person’s job,” Leddy said. “I’ve taken them where I can take them. They will continue to grow. The band is ready to explode musically and creatively.”

According to Leddy, however, he will not be going far after he retires. “The plan is after I retire to take on a more behind the scenes position,” Leddy said. “Somebody will take over my current job and I’ll work part time and help to promote the band.”

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The Stony Brook Marching Band rolls through Manhattan at the 68th Annual Columbus Day parade on Oct. 9, 2012.

"Leddy was involved in everything we did, not just the band."
Campus news briefing: USG passes amendment

By Kelly Zegers
Staff Writer

Hall council amendment

An amendment was adopted to the 2011 Hall Council Funding Act, presented by senator Peter Sheh, to “make it fair for everyone” and eliminate “mass confusion during hall council meetings.”

Sheh explained to the senate that the previous law was written with concerns that resident assistants would use hall council money to put on their programs; however, RAs already have money from Campus Recreation. To avoid any conflict of interest or bias, RAs were not given voting rights under the act.

This was found to be unfair as Sheh explained, “...resident assistants are still residents living in the building and any resident should have the right to put on a program in their building.”

The confusion in hall council voting occurs due to distinctions between different residents in the building and what their votes mean, some with voting rights and counts towards quorum, whereas others who have voting rights do not count toward quorum. Quorum is the minimum number of members needed to carry out an activity.

The adopted amendment calls for resident assistants to have voting rights and count toward quorum. In order to maintain that there is no conflict of interest, however, RAs must abstain from their vote if the voting matter has anything to do with their positional responsibilities, such as a program they are putting on.

MOOCs

Vice President of Academic Affairs Derek Cope discussed the importance of bringing MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) to Stony Brook, saying “I think it’s a good idea.”

Cope explained that the university is looking to hire a company that is used by other colleges for such courses and added that at meetings regarding the program, it has been “pretty unanimous” among faculty members to see MOOCs implemented.

Cope has met with the Provost and said that “…it seems a priority to him that experiential learning and this type of online learning really accentuates one’s education and it’s really important for Stony Brook to not get left behind in this initiative.”

Food pantry

Freshman Class Representative Steve Adelson updated the senate about food insecurity on campus. The first committee meeting for the faculty to talk to clubs about the need for the student activity fee increase was held and that there has been “great progress so far.”

An issue that the committee is working on to overcome is finding space for the pantry. The committee is looking to have clubs and organizations write resolutions in order to show support for the pantry.

Student Activity Fee

Treasurer Allen Abraham asked senators to talk to clubs about the need for the student activity fee increase. He explained that “you have to understand how important it is. If we don’t pass this fee, there will be less money for clubs and also for events.”

This is due to an expected increase in insurance, the FSA management fee and salaries, which account for the expected rise in minimum wage.

Senator Kathryn Michaud learned from speaking to some clubs, “Most people who aren’t on e-board don’t know what the fee is and what it actually goes towards, so, in part of our efforts I think we should try and make people more knowledgeable.”

She referred to the small amount of votes that the fee passed by last year and necessity to make students aware that without it, funding for events like concerts and club funds are affected.

Senator Daniela Gelano Valencia stated, “...this fee applies to everybody so we should be trying to reach as many people as possible, period.”

Senators listen to presentations about MOOCs, a potential food pantry and activity fee hikes.
Seawolves Swap offers new way for students to recycle clothing

By Mike Ruiz

Cash-crunching students at Stony Brook University now have a way to make over their wardrobes without spending a dime, according to Jacqueline Burtonboy and Kelsey Bottorff, the founders of Seawolves Swap.

Burtonboy and Bottorff, sophomores majoring in biology and business respectively, said participants can trade clothes that they do not wear anymore for vouchers. Later, the group will meet up and anyone with a voucher can swap for it a different article of clothing.

“We’re poor college students,” Bottorff said. “We both don’t have cars, we can’t go shopping. Also, we don’t even have jobs. We need a new wardrobe, what’s a new way of doing it?”

According to the duo, they found the answer at Columbia University, where students organized similar programs in the past.

“It’s not like I don’t have nice clothing that I can switch with someone else,” Burtonboy said. “I just can’t afford new stuff.”

In just over a week, Burtonboy and Bottorff filled a clothing rack, a few cardboard boxes, and the couch outside their suite with lightly used clothes—and they have not run their dropoff drives yet.

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“'I go to pick up clothes thinking it will take a couple of minutes,’” Kodis said. “Sometimes I’m there for an hour. People talk, it’s interesting to hear their stories.”

Women are sometimes hesitant to give up the dresses they wore on a few first dates, according to Bottorff said, holding up a fancy black number with a bow on the back. “Something had happened. It’s this bittersweet attachment that you’ve never thought you’d have with clothes.” Eventually, she added the dress to the swap rack. She has concentrated on my son and seeing how well his mother and I get along and cope with raising a child.”

Marrone believes even if societies change, the concepts of marriage and parenthood and forming relationships with another person remain valued and important.

“The idea of marriage and what it means and when it needs to take concentrating on my son and seeing how well his mother and I get along and cope with raising a child.”

Marrone also pointed out that because cohabitation among young couples has become more widely accepted, and even economically necessary at certain times, it shows that there is still interest in close relationships.

“And yes, they are still wanting children,” she added.

Pearline Scouley, of North Carolina, feeds her daughter, Amrykal.

Pew Research Center found that among millennial couples, 70 percent want to marry at some point and 74 percent want to have children. Only 5 percent said they don’t want to marry and 7 percent do not want children.

There is also a lower percentage of young people who are having children at their age. Only 36 percent of women between the ages of 18 and 29 have had children compared to the 41 percent in 1998.

Livingston beliefs that “an unexpected child is not an engagement ring.”

“Down the road, who knows,” he said. “As of right now I am leaving by security.

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On Wednesday, March 27, graffiti was found in the men's bathroom at the Student Center and graffiti created with laundry detergent was found at Laubertar.

Compiled by Ashleigh Shrew

PHOTO CREDIT SEAWOLVES SWAP FACEBOOK PAGE

Burtonboy and Bottorff organize their swap after Columbia University’s past programs.

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Seawolves Swap, a non-profit clothing and fund drive for local charities that hopes to create a stronger, interactive community.

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Recent thefts

On Friday, March 22, a ladies’ wallet was allegedly stolen from Roth Quad. The case is still open.

On Saturday, March 23, $180 was allegedly stolen from West Apartments C.

On Sunday, March 24, a male resident student was found passed out at West Apartments E. It appeared he had been drinking alcohol. He was referred to the university.

On Monday, March 25, police responded to a patient threatened at the University Hospital. No students were involved and no arrests were made.

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A Celebration of Earth Day

Monday, April 15
• Lecture: Ecological Restoration in Urban Estuaries — Rachel Gruzen
  Endeavour Hall, Room 120, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 16
• Shinnecock Bay Restoration Project
  SAC, Room 302, 2 pm
• Film: Filtering Futures
  SAC, Ballroom B, 6 pm

Wednesday, April 17
• Sustainability Studies Alumni Panel
  Charles B. Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2, 1 pm
• Biomedical Engineering: Environmental Implications and Applications
  SAC, Room 302, 2 pm
• Film/Discussion:
  Dear Governor Cuomo
  Humanities Building, Room 1006, 4 pm

Thursday, April 18
• Great Debate: After Sandy — Living at the Edge of the Sea
  Humanities Building, Room 1006, 4 pm
• Shamanism: Connecting Spiritually to the Earth
  Charles B. Wang Center, Room 201, 6 pm

Friday, April 19
Earthstock Festival

Academic Mall
Rain Location: Charles B. Wang Center

Highlights include:
• Pride Patrol, 10 am
• Farmers Market, Alternative Energy Vehicles, 11 am
• Eco-Scavenger Hunt, 11 am
• Remarks, Green Pledge, 12:15 pm
• Duck Races, 2 pm
• Ice Cream Social, 2:30 pm
• Drum Line and Color Guard Showcase, 3 pm

Charles B. Wang Center Theatre
• Environmental Student Research Exhibition 6:30 pm
• Keynote lecture:
  The CO2 Crises
  Wallace S. Broecker, Newberry Professor of Geology, Columbia University, 7:30 pm

SAC Plaza
• Concert: Rock Yo Face Case/Do It in the Dark 8 pm

University Café, SUNY Union
• Acoustic Music by Jack's Waterfall, 8:30 pm

For more information and a detailed schedule of events visit
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The Hilton Garden Inn offers a shuttle service to Port Jefferson, Stony Brook train station and Stony Brook Village.

High hotel rates for May commencement

The Three Village Inn at Stony Brook offers visitors and guests cultivated cuisine, professional services and high-quality ingredients. The hotel offers a Main House starting at $129 on weekdays and $199 on weekends.

The Main House guest room rate differs based on room types and on weekdays and weekends. Main House Staterooms has combination of traditional and modern furniture and luxuries. Among the rooms and suites the hotel offers to their guest are Main House Staterooms, Cottage Master Suites, Studio Rooms and Signature Suites. Visitors can check in and out of the hotel for college commencements. Guests can stay at the hotel on any date. The Three Village Inn does not increase its guest prices during holidays, graduation or for any other important event. "We do not raise our prices as we feel that as a community driven location that would not be conducive to community relations," Laffitte said. Laffitte indicated that the hotel determines the guest room rates. "We price our rooms by weekdays and weekends as well as seasonally," she said.

The Holiday Inn Express hotel in Centereach provides visitors and travelers lodging accommodations near Stony Brook University and Stony Brook University Hospital. The hotel has rooms available from $160. The hotel's guest rooms have two-and three-room oversized suites that include whirlpool tubs, rollaway beds and other niceties. Students and their families can enjoy the hotel space and data services.

USG candidates debate campus issues before spring elections

USG candidates hold up T-shirts from The Speech and Debate Society on Tuesday, April 2.

USG candidates living off-campus hear complaints

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Students living off-campus hear complaints

However, he does not think students are solely to blame since some landlords fail to reinforce the rules before students move in.

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Stony Brook Arts Gallery renamed after donation

By Nina Lin

For the first time in Stony Brook history, the Stony Brook Art Gallery is ready for an actual moniker. Now the gallery will bear Paul W. Zuccaire's name, after the namesake of a foundation that's ready to donate half a million dollars to save it.

Through Alice Zuccaire, the donation will be spread over the next seven years and matched by the Simons Foundation for a total of $1.5 million according to Alan Inkles, the director for the Staller Center of the Arts.

And in an agreement between the Staller Center for the Arts and the Paul W. Zuccaire Foundation, the gallery was to be renamed for the first time since its inception in 1975—the same time Staller, then known as the Fine Arts Center, opened on campus.

"About 11 years ago, we had some budget cuts. We always have budget cuts," said Inkles. "There were proposals to cut [the art gallery]. Undergraduate and graduate students, that's how they show their work. If we don't have it, we can't show their art."

Unlike shows in the Staller Center, the art gallery is free to the general public, said Inkles. The only significant source of revenue comes from donations from corporate sponsors to small foundations like Zuccaire's.

The newly named gallery opened up its first viewing, "Chance," two days later, showcasing work from three Stony Brook MFA candidates: Andreas Rentsch, Nicole Robilotta and A. Ezra Thompson.

Alice Zuccaire donated money through the Zuccaire Foundation for the past ten years to support the gallery. This year, she pledged enough for a longer lasting solution to the gallery's money problem.

"This is the largest gift she's ever gave. This is the first renaming we've had since [Staller had] been named 25 years ago," said Inkles. "Art students will be able to continue to show their work, their art, in perpetuity."

Nicole Robilotta displayed melted glass for her exhibit.

Artist Ezra Thompson displayed these paintings depicting his childhood memories.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Cirque Du Brook

The National Residence Hall Honorary is putting on campus programs for students including inflatables, carnival style booths, snacks and prizes. Performances by SBU vocalists and more will be included. The event starts at 5 p.m. on Friday April 12, 2013 at the SAC.

2) SBU-TV Film Festival

Stony Brook filmmakers will show their films at the Spring Film Festival on April 12, 2013 in the Union Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. The festival will include food and raffles for attendants. Attendees are required to RSVP for the event.

3) Murder Mystery Dinner

The Weekend Life Council and Pocket Theatre will be hosting a murder mystery dinner at 6 p.m. on April 13 in SAC Ballroom B. There will be food from O Sole Mio being served at 6 p.m., and the actual detective work will start at 7 p.m.
Theatre Arts Department prepares to stage "Hamlet"

By Steven Rossin
Staff Writer

With just days remaining until opening night, the cast and crew that will perform the modern adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet are busy plugging scenes before the curtain finally rises.

While they have been rehearsing since the middle of February, the process for which it takes to put on the show has been going on since well before the start of the spring semester. Auditions took place before Thanksgiving in the fall and they have been looking over their scripts since winter break. All of this has prepared them for the core rehearsals they will go through this week leading up to show time.

Students in various roles face different unique challenges in order to make the show run correctly, and they have been facing these challenges on a daily basis each time they rehearse.

One of the bigger challenges for the actors is to convey the meaning of Shakespeare's work to an audience who may not fully grasp the meaning of the story.

"Our job is to make it not boring," said Katherine Gorham, a first year theatre arts major playing the role of H3, part of Hamlet's subconscious.

"It's our job to convey it so they don't have to sit there with a highlighter and a script."

Another challenge the actors face for this production is performing in an arena setting. Instead of facing the audience in one direction, the audience will be seated around them as they perform. The show's theatre director, Valerie Pye, an adjunct in the Theatre Department, sat throughout Theatre One in the Sklar Center observing from the different positions the audience will be seated in.

That was a big challenge because normally in western theatre you perform in front of stadium stages where you have a big arch and the audience is on one side of you," Gorham said. "It's surprisingly challenging.

Senior theatre arts major Jennifer Pritchard is the show's master electrician. She does her work during the day, and part of her role is to teach newer students the basics of her job, which includes connecting cables and hanging lights from the scaffolds. Her primary focus, however, is to facilitate an environment that ensures that all the crew and staff perform at their peak.

"My number one goal is to make sure that all the actors are safe on stage, considering all the stuff that's hanging above them," Pritchard said. Junior theatre arts major Aaron Ryan, the play's stage manager, is responsible for helping oversee all the actors, designers and stage help. If anyone has any problems or needs any help during the course of rehearsal, Aaron is their main contact.

"As stage manager I basically manage the actors during rehearsal, and outside rehearsal I am the communication between the directors and all the designers as they prepare for the upcoming performance," Ryan said.

"Once all the rehearsals are done and the director steps out of the way it then becomes my responsibility to make sure things run smoothly, so once those are over I'll be calling all the cues that make the show run.

"This is Ryans first time working as a stage manager. As the rehearsals have progressed one of the challenges he has faced is the addition of new elements throughout the process. Some of these encounters include the use of new props, learning the positions actors have during the show, and simultaneously keeping track of elements such as lighting. At a recent rehearsal, Ryan took note with a pen and pad the various positions all the actors will be in during the famous "To be, or not to be" scene. All of the work is overseen by Pye. She adapted the play for production benefit back in the fall.

Students prepare a fencing scene for the Theatre Department's "Hamlet" production.

Stony Brook student honored by national arts organization

By Dahlia Ibrahim
Staff Writer

David John Davani may seem like your average freshman at Stony Brook University. He is 18 years old, is a resident of Tabler Quad, and is in the Honors College.

However, how many freshmen, let alone students at Stony Brook have been honored for the second time by the National YoungArts Foundation—last year for clarinet and this year for baritone voice—and have recently won the Stony Brook Undergraduate Concerto Competition? Not many.

Davani is originally from Sea Cliff, N.Y., and is currently pursuing a dual degree in biology and music. The multi-talented musician says his taking up the clarinet were weighed by two factors: the first, being his grandfather, who also played the same instrument, and the second being an odd encounter at about nine years old with a jazz band clarinetist on a family trip down in New Orleans.

"He pulled me over and said that I should look into clarinet," Davani said.

Evidently, the jazz band clarinetist down in New Orleans was right, because the young undergraduate student has proven his impressive musical abilities in more ways than one.

Although he took it up in elementary school, Davani says he did not seriously start studying the instrument until the sixth grade, when he enrolled in the preparatory division of Mannes College. The New School for Music, located in Manhattan.

"I really love the instrument," Davani said. "I felt very serious about it.

The clarinetist expressed his gratitude towards the impressive duo of instructor David Sapadin and mentor Naomi Drucker, both of whom have helped him excel and advance his musical talent.

Sapadin is a freelance clarinetist and a regular player at the Metropolitan Opera and Drucker is a clarinetist of the American Chamber Ensemble, as well as wife of Stanley, the principal clarinetist of the New York Philharmonic for 60 years.

Davani entered his first National YoungArts Foundation competition during the beginning of his senior year of high school and was recognized as one of the 2012 winners for clarinet. Up to 150 YoungArts winners are chosen across the country, to participate in master classes, performances, workshops and the opportunity to win up to $10,000 in individual prize money.

"As a musician, I felt good and I was happy to win," Davani said. "Competitions are subjective and I put my heart and soul into it.

"One could tell by his second winning of the National YoungArts Foundation competition that clarinet is one of the young musician's only musical talents."

His powerful baritone voice won him the competition the second time around where he was recognized as one of the 2013 winners.

Davani explained that he never really competed on voice until the YoungArts competition.

"Except for recitals, I felt the need to keep my voice to myself," he said. "People would hear me sing and be shocked because it was nothing like my speaking voice."

"My long-term dream in terms of voice would be to have National Council Auditions at the Metropolitan Opera and be able to sing on that stage that I visit so frequently every year," he said.

For a short time during his later years at Mannes, Davani was a member of the Select Chamber Choir, in addition to being the principal clarinetist of the Preparatory Philharmonic.

At the end of his senior year in high school, Davani auditioned both voice and clarinet on the same day for Stony Brook University's music program. For voice, he was accepted to take lessons and is currently studying with advanced doctoral student Christopher Reanes.

For clarinet, he was accepted by Alan R. Kay, an artist-in-residence, whom Davani said played an integral role in his winning the Stony Brook Undergraduate Concerto Competition, for which he was awarded the Bright Lights Scholarship for music in March 2013.

"I feel very lucky to be able to study with one of the faculty members in the music department," he said. "In the short time studying with Professor Kay, we've done some really great work."

Davani describes his greatest challenge in school as registering for classes so that he has large blocks of time to devote to practicing.

"Aside from that, I manage to do everything," he said.

As if his musical talents and accolades weren't enough to fill up a resume, Davani has proven his extensive scientific abilities.

The double music and biology major was an Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist in high school and was awarded third place in the New York State Science and Engineering Fair in the medicine and health category during his senior year.

As his musical talent continues to shine during the school year at Stony Brook, Davani says this summer he will be continuing his research at the vascularity biology center at Winthrop-University Hospital, which is academically connected with SBU.
"Evil Dead" brings cult classic scares to a whole new generation
By Jon Winkler
Contributing Writer

In 1981, writer/director Sam Raimi came up with the horror story of five friends locked in a cabin in the woods. With that plot, a rumored $375,000 and gallons of red corn syrup, Raimi created a film that would not only be adored but also mirrored in other horror films for over 30 years. Its cult audience has praised it for its blood, gore, and shock value. It spawned two equally classic sequels ("Evil Dead 2" and "Army Of Darkness") along with the careers of Raimi and actor Bruce Campbell. Whether the proud cult classic sequels were as enjoyable hybrid of the two.

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"But one has to be careful that their religious and moral beliefs do not subtly or bluntly become public policy."

-B. David O'Connor
Managing Editor

A country's diversity or lack thereof should not set a degree for the mandate of government impartiality in religious and moral matters. The United States is fortunate that there is such diversity on so many different levels that philosophical tyranny of a majority range from difficult to impossible, but finding that fine line between maintaining a moral society and making your morals that society becomes even more difficult in a country where one branch of religion or ethnicity has an overwhelming majority. One need only look at the influence Christianity has had on this country's governance to see that.

However, this can and does go the other way. Ensuring freedom of religion should not mean freedom from religion, but this arguably happens in certain countries that have taken measures to prohibit, for example, the wearing of certain religious clothing such as crosses, head scarves, etc. in public places. Ultimately, it is a sum of a country's people that make its national identity, not what one group, whether a majority or not, believes is right and wants to impose on the rest of the world. Ironically, making laws that suggest that certain people are outcasts leads to them feeling like outcasts.

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Managing Editor

Returning to the point, the separation of church and state is a delicate balance and must be appreciated as such. As long as people have the internal ability to make their own decisions, the entirety of a population will not share the same beliefs. One would find many differences even in a country of two people. It's not the government's job to decide who is right; it's to govern properly.

In the end, the best way to ensure stability and order among a population is to get involved as little as necessary to prevent chaos.

Keying off of that, the amount of destruction and doom brought with a same-sex marriage or a woman choosing to wear a headscarf has thus far been minimal.
Rising tensions in North Korea

By Keith Olsen

North Korea has been a thorn in the side of the international community for over fifty years, and that most likely won’t end any time soon. The North Korean regime is led by Kim Jong-un, the inexperienced and youthful son of former dictator Kim Jung-il. Kim Jung-un is in charge of a militaristic nation that gives the military leaders huge influence. North Korea has been escalating its rhetoric over the past few months, which isn’t surprising, considering Kim Jung-un’s need to prove himself to the North Korean generals. There’s a firm precedence in place in which North Korea threatens South Korea and America, and then negotiations take place. The rogue state holds the region’s security hostage in order for aid, which they wouldn’t need if it didn’t spend such a large portion of its economic output on military expenditures.

It isn’t a rare occurrence for North Korea to threaten America and South Korea. However, the rhetoric and threats have become oddly specific recently. It has stated its intent to fire nuclear missiles at Guam and Hawaii in addition to its neighbors in their southern neighbor. There have been several indicators that North Korea is becoming increasingly serious, such as its considering of the 1953 armistice that ‘ended’ the Korean War. The most serious incident that shows the North Korean regime’s interest in increasing the tension on the peninsula is the closing of the Kaesong Industrial Complex. This complex, located in North Korea, is a joint business venture between North and South Korea that employs roughly 50,000 North Korean citizens. It’s a major source of revenue for the dictatorship, which shows its commitments to its current course of action. This will most likely end without violence, but there is a chance that a miscommunication could result in conflict. There have been reports that North Korea is preparing a missile test that the United States might try to intercept mid-flight. If that occurs, then North Korea might respond. That is the most probable situation in which war might break out.

Candidates debate their way towards election

Undergraduate Student Government presidential candidates argue regarding the issues at the USG Debate on April 2 in the Student Activities Center. From left to right: Adil Hussain, Yifat Lam and Anna Lubitz.

By Anusa Mookherje and Michael Casarelli

Opinions Editor and Staff Writer

In a USG debate hosted by the Stony Brook Speech and Debate Society, this year’s candidates for President, Vice President and Treasurer debated for just over an hour on issues that affect students on campus. This election will put in many candidates that have control over the use of the student activity fee, along with providing many services to students. Voting will start Monday morning on SOLAR and will be open for the week.

President Adil Hussain The After Party

During the debate, Adil seemed to be the most relaxed of the presidential candidates, often leaning casually over the podium and even dropping a few curse words on occasion. He really connected with the audience and came off as a regular guy, without all of the forced formality of some of the other candidates. One of the big promises Adil made was to keep an ‘open door’ policy for all students to come see him at any time. He stressed transparency and making USG a more personable organization so students feel comfortable walking in to talk with him about their questions, concerns and advice for making the school a better place for everyone. Hussain also wanted to make sure that the Undergraduate Activity Fee goes toward events that the students choose through more detailed and widely distributed surveys so that more of the student body has a say in where their funding goes. Adil has previously held the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs in the USG.

Yifat Lam The House Party

Yifat, although well-rounded and knowledgeable about many aspects of Stony Brook, lacked a certain enthusiasm that students may look for in a potential president. Lam also spoke about having transparent communication as president, and also wants to foster better communication between leaders of the various colleges for a more balanced student government. He himself admitted that he lacks any real administrative experience, which came off as both refreshingly honest and a little worrisome. It was nice to see him point out his own faults without other candidates calling him out on it. Though he has had leadership experience at the university as a resident assistant, he did not give off the same sense of confidence and ability that both Hussain and Lubitz did.

Anna Lubitz Seawolves For Change Party

Anna Lubitz seemed to be on the defensive Tuesday night, often spending a good chunk of her time justifying her past decisions. To be fair, there was a good deal of attacks from the other candidates, but overall Lubitz came off as sounding phony and unpersonable. Her promises seemed to lack detail and were more generalized than some of the other candidates’. However, as the incumbent president, she has more knowledge of the responsibilities of being president than her opponents, so she may have tapered her responses to reflect that knowledge. Overall, Anna seemed to be nervous, reserved and just a little underprepared for the flak she received from Hussain and Lam.

Executive Vice President Ryan Heslin Seawolves for Change Party

As a current USG senator, Ryan Heslin came across as very relaxed and enthusiastic. While he was not afraid to criticize some of the other USG members, he offered realistic and interesting solutions to many of the problems he feels are plaguing the current USG administration. Although Ryan was a very good speaker and energized the crowd, he also came off a bit vague in his opening statement as to what he actually planned on implementing. However, he did make up for this somewhat with his later statements about his responsibilities to the student body.

Mallory Rothstein The After Party

Mallory Rothstein, also a current USG senator, has much of the same experience as Heslin but lacked some of the enthusiasm and charisma of her opponent. Though she agreed with Heslin in most of her statements, their ideas on meeting formality separated them. While Heslin wants to implement shorter and more focused USG senate meetings, Rothstein feels that less formality can lead to more open discussion will help allow for a wider range of opinions. Unlike Heslin, Rothstein spent more of her time naming her qualifications for the position instead of rousing the audience.

Treasurer Wesley Hawkins Seawolves for Change

Newcomer Wesley Hawkins certainly looked more apt for the job of USG treasurer, dressed in a shirt and tie and eagerly citing his past financial experience managing club funds, such as the Stony Brook club hockey teams. However, he lacked the prior experience of current USG senator and opponent Brian McIelvain.

Brian McIelvain The After Party

Brian McIelvain, a current USG senator, appeared to be a little less engaged in the debate as his opponent. Dressed only in a polo and slacks, he failed to give off the professional attitude of Hawkins.

Overall, the debate was a good introduction for the upcoming election. It had a great turnout from students, with many of them needing to bring extra seating in. It was clear the main issues revolved around student involvement and transparency of USG. The concert came up in discussion multiple times along with campus dining and new methods of communication. Social media and surveys were the proposed ways to reach out to students. We strongly feel Adil Hussain was the strongest candidate coming out of the debate, along with Ryan Heslin. Wesley Hawkins just shyly edged out his competitor, but the role of Treasurer is still a toss up. Overall, it was an impressive debate, and every candidate stepped up this year and really gave it their all.

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The City University of New York
Men's Lacrosse comes close, but loses to Binghamton 14-13

Seawolves down by nine, rally in fourth quarter to tie, only to lose in OT

By Adrian Szkolar
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook completed the comeback, but didn’t get the win.

Playing Binghamton at home on Saturday, the Seawolves saw themselves down 13-4 towards the end of the third quarter and managed to rally and score nine straight goals to bring the game to overtime.

However, with 1:02 left to play in the extra session, Binghamton’s Michael Antinozzi spoiled Stony Brook’s comeback, scoring from 12 yards out after the Seawolves failed to capitalize on an extended possession.

Binghamton opened the game with a 3-2 lead after the first quarter, and opened the second quarter with four unanswered goals. After Stony Brook freshman midfielder Challen Rogers ended the run late in the quarter, Binghamton held a 7-3 lead at the end of the first half.

Despite Rogers’ goal, Binghamton continued its dominance in the third quarter, scoring the half’s first three goals. After Stony Brook’s Rogers scored again at the 12:02 mark of the quarter, Binghamton scored three more straight goals and held a 13-4 lead with 5:40 left in the quarter.

Stony Brook sophomore midfielder Mike Andreassi scored with 2:39 left in the third quarter, which would spark the Seawolves’ comeback.

After sophomore attack Mike Rooney scored with nine seconds left in the quarter, Stony Brook rang off seven goals in the fourth quarter. Freshman attack Brody Eastwood tied the game with 57 seconds left in the game.

Eastwood and Rogers led the Seawolves with three goals each, continuing their strong rookie seasons. Senior midfielder Jeff Tundo had two goals and two assists for Stony Brook.

Binghamton was led by Matt Springer, who led all goal-scorers with six tallies. The Bearcats’ Alex Doerflein had 13 ground balls.

Binghamton outshot Stony Brook 44-31, and won the ground ball battle 42-23.

Stony Brook freshman goalkeeper Dan Shaughnessy made six saves in the loss. The Seawolves are now 1-1 in America East play, and have a 6-5 overall record. They take on UMBC on Saturday at LaValle Stadium at 4 p.m.
Hockey president Wes Hawkins running for USG Treasurer

By Jessica Suarez

As current senator of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and President of the Stony Brook Ice Hockey Team, junior business major Wes Hawkins is running for the position of treasurer in the upcoming USG elections.

"I am currently a senator for the student government and through being a senator and part of the budget committee, I feel that there are some changes that need to be made and the treasurer position is one way that those changes can be made," Hawkins said.

Specifically, Hawkins hopes to make changes to the USG financial bylaws. He feels that these bylaws need to be rewritten so clubs can better understand the rules.

An example of one rule that Hawkins wants to change is to do with the amount of time the treasurer is given to tell a club that their budget has been frozen or changed. He feels that clubs should be notified immediately if this were to happen.

Hawkins' experience on the budget committee for USG is one of the main reasons why he is running for treasurer.

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Junior forward Wesley Hawkins, shown here in a game against Delaware in October, is running for USG Treasurer. Hawkins is currently a senator in the organization.

Softball wins 7th straight, sweeps Quinnipiac doubleheader

By Joe Galotti

The Seawolves moved to four games over .500, thanks to a pair of wins against Quinnipiac on chilly Thursday afternoon at University Field. Stony Brook swept the double header winning the first game 5-4 and the second game 6-0.

"I thought our effort in the circle by all three pitchers was real good," coach Megan Bryant said. "We hit the ball, and all and all it was good day for us."

In the first game it was senior Gina Bianculli, who singled home the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth, which helped Stony Brook take the victory in the opener.

After the Bobcats got on the board with an unearned run in the top of the first, the Seawolves responded quickly with three runs in the bottom of the frame. Junior Nicole Hagerty drove in the first run on a sacrifice fly, and sophomore Bria Green and red shirt junior Jessica Zeilman followed with RBI hits to give Stony Brook a 3-1 advantage.

Quinnipiac would come back to take the lead, scoring one in the third, and two in the fourth, to take a 4-3 lead. Stony Brook took the lead in the sixth, junior Christine Lucido closed out the Bobcats in the top of the seventh, to pick up her eighth win of the season.

Lucido pitched three and a third innings in relief without giving up a hit.

Lucido would then start the second game for the Seawolves, and was once again impressive. The junior pitched four scoreless innings, only giving up one hit, to earn her second win of the day.

"This was one of her best days in a Stony Brook uniform," Bryant said. "She was on point, she was tough, she was efficient, and she gave us a great effort today."

Zeilman got Stony Brook on the board, with an RBI double to right-center field in the bottom of the second. Giosia then had a two run double in the next inning to give the Seawolves a 3-0 lead.

Stony Brook would then break the game open with three runs in the fifth. Sophomore Shayla Giorgia drew a bases loaded walk to score the fourth run, before Hagerty singled home the fifth run. Giorgia then scored on a wild pitch later in the frame to make it 6-0.

Sophomore Alison Cukrov picked up the save, with three scoreless innings in relief.

The Seawolves have now won 13 out of 15, and seven straight overall. Originally scheduled to travel to Lawrenceville, N.J. on Sunday to play a pair of afternoon games against Rider, the Broncs cancelled. No make-up is announced.

Instead, SBU will get Sunday off and will play a doubleheader at home against Sacred Heart on Wednesday. First pitch is 2 p.m.
Native Californian McNitt is studying to be a doctor after playing days are over

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a fact that boggles most people's minds. They all have different reasons but, according to McNitt, they all want to move back to the West coast after they graduate.

"It's a different environment," he said. "It's just a different world than we're used to; we're used to happy-go-lucky, cruising, whatever, whereas over [on the East coast] it's hectic."

This laid-back California demeanor is something Sek says McNitt would improve on. His quietness does not help him when it comes to being a leader.

"He has a lot of things going for him that would allow him to be a leader on the team but I think that, because he's kind of a quiet guy, sometimes Brandon is not as verbal a leader as I would like," Sek says.

For his part, McNitt thinks his biggest weakness is laziness.

"I get lazy at times," he said. "Instead of going home and studying, I go to sleep."

With such a hectic lifestyle, it is no wonder the kid wants to take a nap every once and awhile.

But again, that easy-going manner helps keep him on track.

"Nothing ever bothers me," he said. "So I can have a million things going on and I don't get stressed out, I don't worry about all of them at once."

McNitt says several reasons "Being a part of something that's bigger than you and being able to represent a whole university...it's easy to be a Seawolf" factored into his becoming a Seawolf, but one of the biggest ones was Stony Brook's excellent medical program, which McNitt found to be the right fit for him.

As a perfectionist, McNitt believes a career in plastic surgery would be right for him because "that's the point of the job, to make people look perfect," and going to a school as prestigious in the medical community as Stony Brook will hopefully help him achieve that goal.

He says his original plan was to use baseball to pay for school, but now, if his baseball career continues, he will continue with it knowing he has his education to fall back on.

"The plan is to ride out baseball as long as I can and eventually do the whole medicine thing," he said.

As a student and an athlete, McNitt gets to be a part of two things that Stony Brook excels at. And that, he says, is the best.

"Being a part of something that's bigger than you and being able to represent a whole university that is prestigious, it's easy to be a Seawolf," he said. "It's great to be a part of something that's always winning...cause losing sucks."

When it comes to being a leader, McNitt says several reasons

Women's Lacrosse continues strong play, defeating UMBC 15-9

Program now alone in first place in America East, extend winning streak to six games

By Jaclyn Lattanza

For the first time ever, the Stony Brook women's lacrosse team left Baltimore, Maryland victorious, defeating UMBC. The Seawolves (11-2, 3-0 AE) moved to its sixth straight game, by six points, with a final score of 15-9. Only 49 seconds into the game, senior attack Janine Hillier and sophomore midfielder Amber Kupres gave Stony Brook a quick 2-0 lead. The Seawolves held onto a six-point lead in the first half, allowing UMBC to only score three, going into the lockerroom with a 9-3.

Senior midfielder Demianne Harrison added one before UMBC fired back as sophomore midfielder Alyssa Semones took one back with four goals and one assist. Rubino had to sit out for the remaining 17:59 of play.

But the Retrievers never gave up. With 12:51 left, Caridi saved a shot by UMBC's freshman attack Sam Nolan right before Stony Brook turned it over. UMBC fired back as sophomore attack Abby Wilson scored off of an assist from junior midfielder Shannon Harkey, bringing her team within six, 14-8. Harkey scored one of her own on a free position shot, cutting Stony Brook's lead to five, 14-9, with 8:10 left.

After that, the Seawolves sealed the deal. Sophomore midfielder Michelle Rubino controlled a draw and later scored a goal that increased the lead back to six, 15-9.

Harkey was given another free position shot to close the gap, but Caridi denied it, finishing the game with six saves. She played a great role in helping her team hold an opponent to single-digits for the 12th time this season.

Stony Brook outshot UMBC, 23-22. Hillier led the Seawolves with four goals and one assist. Kupres finished with three goals and Cook finished with three as well, plus one assist. Rubino scored two goals with one assist and senior attack Claire Petersen finished with one goal and one assist.

Harkey scored three goals and added two assists for UMBC.

With both teams unbeaten in America East play coming into the game, Stony Brook now holds sole possession of first place in the conference.

With one win shy of matching its longest win streak in school history (seven in 2007), the Seawolves will take on New Hampshire, away, on Saturday, April 13 at 12 p.m. next.

The Seawolves are 3-7 all-time against New Hampshire, but won last year's meeting at LaValle Stadium 12-10.

Senior midfielder Janine Hillier starred in Saturday's game against UMBC, scoring a team-high four goals.
Balancing baseball and biology

By Catie Curatolo
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It's all about focus for Brandon McNitt.
A right-handed pitcher who moved to number one in the Seawolves starting rotation this season, he is also currently a biochemistry major who hopes to one day become either an anesthesiologist or a plastic surgeon.

"It's all about focus," McNitt said. "You have to be disciplined enough to use your time wisely," he said. "The way I go about baseball and school is pretty similar, you focus for an hour or two and then you take a break." A junior, this is his third year as a starter. Head coach Matt Senk says he chose him as number one because he relies on McNitt's intelligence on the mound.

"He's a very good student and I think Brandon takes that intelligence to the field," Senk said. "He's a smart baseball player, he's extremely competitive—a combination of intelligence and competitiveness. He also has a real good arm which makes for a very effective pitcher."

A self-proclaimed "perfectionist," McNitt is hard on himself. "You get a big head and things start to go downhill and you try to do more and it snowballs." So far this season, McNitt has started seven games for the 9-16 Seawolves. He has a 1-3 record, with 30 strikeouts and a 4.19 ERA.

"My goal personally is to do well, do the best that I can to help our team win," he said. "The main goal is to be consistent." McNitt is originally from California. He attended Bishop Amat High School, where he was a three-year varsity baseball player, a two-year letterwinner in football, and a member of the National Honors Society.

McNitt says the decision to attend college on the complete other side of the country was a no-brainer because "it's four years of your life living in New York." The scholarship he received and the chance of ample playing time as an underclassman, combined with the fact that Stony Brook has a good science program, made SBU the easy choice.

Interestingly, many of McNitt's teammates are also Californians.

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Baseball swept by UAlbany

Drop all three games over weekend

By Catie Curatolo
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Despite two homers from Kevin Courtney and a three-hit day on Sunday for Cole Peragine, the baseball team was swept by the University at Albany this weekend. They dropped both games of a doubleheader on Saturday, 5-4 and 9-6, before falling 4-3 in Sunday's matchup.

The Seawolves drop to 4-8 in the America East and 9-21 overall with this weekend's losses.

Stony Brook had a 4-0 lead in game one behind the pitching of junior Frankie Vanderka, but the Great Danes bit back in the sixth. A two-out single from Gordon Madej scored the runners from second and third to make it 6-2, and a two-run homer from Josh Nethaway tied the game.

Stony Brook brought in freshman Tim Knesnick for the seventh inning. He gave up a single to Greg Muller, who then advanced to second on a wild pitch. Albany's catcher Evan Harasta then came up and blasted a single to left field to bring in Muller and end the game.

Vanderka walked none and struck out four, allowing four runs and six hits in six innings. Knesnick took the loss after giving up eight runs and nine hits.

Peragine and senior Tanner Nivins had multi-hit games, combining for six hits. Freshman Jack Parenty, who previously had hit safely in 18 consecutive games, went 0-for-4 in both games, ending his streak. The Seawolves had 15 hits on the day, but also struck out 19 times.

Sunday's game went much the same way, with SBUstranding a season-high 15 men on base in the 4-3 loss.

Albany took the lead with a four-run inning in the fourth, making the score 4-1. Although SBU had several chances to tie, it could not convert the runners into runs. The closest it got was in the sixth inning, when Courtney hit a ground ball to third. Parenty, who was on third base, started to go, but got caught in a rundown and was tagged out. Freshman Johnny Caputo then struck out to end the inning and the Seawolves chance to tie.

Stony Brook continued to put runners on in the final innings, but could not get a run in.

Freshman starter Daniel Zamora took the loss, allowing four runs on four hits. He struck out eight and walked one over the course of seven innings. He dropped to 1-6 with the loss.

On Tuesday before returning home for their next five games. They play a non-conference matchup against Manhattan College at Joe Nathan Field on Wednesday, before starting a three-game series against Hartford. First pitch against Manhattan is at 3:30 p.m.

Featured Outfielder Tanner Nivins went 3-for-7 over Saturday's two games. He has a .215 average in 26 games this season.