

October 4, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. *SLJ*
President

SUBJECT: Campus Report

I. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

On September 29, Stony Brook's Educational Opportunity Program was featured in a special broadcast as part of the PBS NewsHour. (The featured video will be presented to the Senate.)

II. NEW RANKINGS

Last month Stony Brook was ranked 78th in the world, 47th in the United States, and 21st among U.S. public universities in a new rating developed by *Times Higher Education* magazine in partnership with Thomson Reuters. The ranking combines five dimensions of excellence: the learning environment (30%), research (30%), citation impact (32.5%), knowledge transfer (2.5%) and internationalism (5%). For more information see: <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/>

III. SIMONS CENTER FOR GEOMETRY AND PHYSICS

Plans are being finalized for the **Building Inauguration Celebration for the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics**, which is scheduled to take place in early November. This event will be followed by the Building Inauguration Conference, which will feature a series of talks by several distinguished scholars in mathematics and physics.

IV. CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- **Hispanic Heritage Month**—With employees who range in age from 18 to 82 and hail from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, Stony Brook University is proud of its commitment to diversity. This month, the University is pleased to acknowledge its support of Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages your involvement in the many academic, cultural and social activities that are planned throughout October.
- **The University Awards Dinner** is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 15 at 6 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center. Individuals who have been promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor as well as the recipients of the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence will be recognized along with the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching as Part-Time Faculty and those receiving the Presidential Mini-Grants for Departmental Diversity Initiatives.

V. ATHLETIC UPDATE

Football--The football team battled the #11 University of Massachusetts to a 26-21 loss on Sept. 25 at LaValle Stadium in front of a great crowd of more than 5,300. Having suffered a loss to Michigan University by only five points the weekend before, the Minutemen presented themselves as a formidable opponent. UMass was the highest ranked opponent to ever come to campus to play our football team. After using the bye week for some much needed recovery, the Seawolves will host their first conference opponent of the year in VMI (Virginia Military Institute) this Saturday in a 3:30 p.m. Homecoming match-up as they focus on defending their Big South Conference title.

Men's Soccer--The men's soccer team's six-match unbeaten streak came to an end in a 2-1 loss to Boston University Saturday night at LaValle Stadium. In the America East opener for both teams, the Terriers scored two goals early in the second half and held on despite a furious surge by the Seawolves offense towards the end.

Women's Soccer --Stony Brook University women's soccer team had its three-game unbeaten streak snapped on Sunday afternoon at Nickerson Field, falling to first-place Boston University, 4-0. The Seawolves trailed just 1-0 at halftime before the Terriers scored three second-half goals to put the game away. Stony Brook falls to 2-8-2 overall and 1-1-1 in the America East with the loss.