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## Island in step with 'Harlem Shake'

Borough says goodbye (we hope) to 'Gangnam Style' and hello to the latest Internet flavor

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the Internet sensation. Not familiar with the

"Harlem Shake?" Style," odds are you won't be

For better or worse, the YouTube sensation was in-"Harlem Shake" has come to spired by the song "Harlem

our borough, with Staten Is- Shake," a bass-heavy, synth land Ferry riders, fast food mix by electronic music propatrons and even the Wagner ducer Baauer which was College mascot getting in on mostly overlooked at the time of its 2012 release.

The phenomenon didn't start until earlier this month, Much like "Gangnam when a video blogger set the catchy jam to a dance on able to avoid it for long.

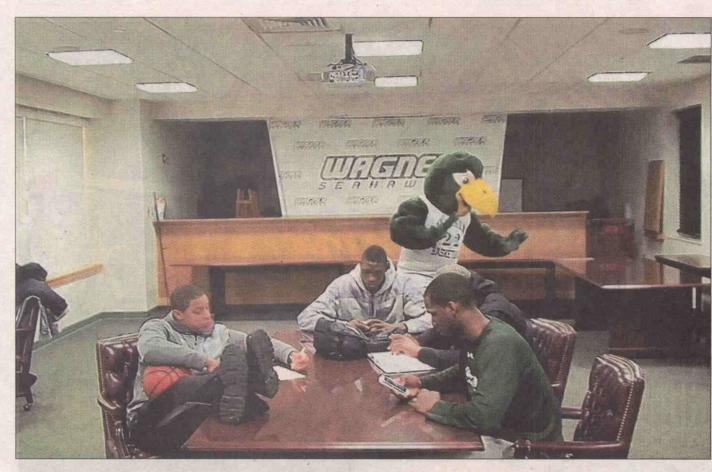
But for the uninitiated, the

YouTube. The spoof video went viral, with user after

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This promotional video by ESPN U shows the Wagner College mascot performing the "Harlem Shake," a take on the series of YouTube videos which have gone viral.

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user filming their own versions, adapting its unique routine to a different situation and setting.

The approximately 30-second offerings begin with an individual - usually in an outlandish mask or costume - dancing by him or herself in a crowded room as others go about their businesses oblivious to the disruption.

At the 15-second mark, the entire room jumps up and joins the dance, suddenly donning equally outlandish get-ups and waving silly

A YouTube search for "Harlem Shake" yields 76,ooo returns with millions of

On Sunday, YouTube user dclassylife posted one shot aboard the Staten Island Ferry, which registered 1,240 views in two days.

The clip begins with a passenger in a skull mask dancing solo on a crowded boat before others join in. One participant rides across the gathering on the back wheel of a bicycle.

nel hyping the Wagner Col- music, including one wearing



Before long, the Wagner mascot is joined by a host of wildly dressed characters jumping around to the music, including one wearing a blue box sitting inside a shopping cart.

lege men's basketball game a blue box sitting inside a shuffling behind three studi- page as of Tuesday morning. ous players who are focusing on textbooks at a desk.

And a commercial for the host of wildly dressed char-ESPN U college sports chan- acters jumping around to the

against LIU Sunday begins shopping cart. It had 1,590 with the Seahawk mascot views on Wagner's YouTube

Several other videos claim to be shot in Staten Island living rooms, as well as a bor-The bird is joined by a ough McDonald's, a clip which begins with a dancer in full-body green tights.

"The Shake" is not without

## More on the web



To watch YouTube videos of Staten Islanders

performing the "Harlem Shake," see the online version of this story at silive.com/news.

its share of controversy.

A Rockland County high school pulled its hockey team from a single-elimination playoff game after a racy version of the dance, featuring some of the student athletes in various states of undress, appeared on the Web, according to a report by Newsday.

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