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Vets Gather in Rain to Celebrate Nursing Home

By Mitch Horowitz

About 400 veterans and onlookers — along with a few protestors — huddled under a tent by the Chapin Apartments in Tuesday's frosty rain for the ground breaking of a veterans nursing home near the student apartments.

The ceremony's main attraction — an appearance by Governor Mario Cuomo — was bounced when an upstate snowfall kept the governor from leaving Albany, officials said.

"We're almost in combat again here," quipped Nicholas Sallesse, director of New York State Veterans' Affairs as winds and rainfall battered the circus-style tent.

Jermome Komisar, acting SUNY chancellor, said Stony Brook was a logical location for a nursing home. "At a university we smooth the sometime savage ironies of life and stress warmth," he said.

Toward the back of the tent, however, a cluster of graduate students and environmentalists stood with signs decrying Stony Brook's record on student living conditions.

"5,000 people signed this petition Governor Cuomo. Help us get comprehensive dioxin testing and asbestos removal for the Javits Lecture Center," read a huge banner lifted toward the middle of the ceremony. A petition was passed around campus in September asking for further clean-up of the partly contaminated lecture center.

About 25 graduate students stood inside the ceremony's tent with signs attacking the state's recent decision to bar teaching assistant from forming a labor union. Members of the ongoing Tent City protest pitched a small tent outside the ceremony.



Veterans with an American flag at the Veterans Home ground-breaking ceremony on Tuesday.

Much of the audience ignored the protestors, with a few complaining that display didn't belong there. "Get that f—ing banner down," one veteran said as the petition banner was raised.

The ceremony's speakers hailed the state- and federal-funded nursing home — to open by 1990 — as a health care victory.

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Parking Problems on the Rise

By Carmello Vitelo

Commuters parking at Stony Brook are complaining that they are finding it harder than ever to park their cars and still get to class at time. As a result of the limited space there is an increase in the number of illegally parked cars, according to Public Safety officials.

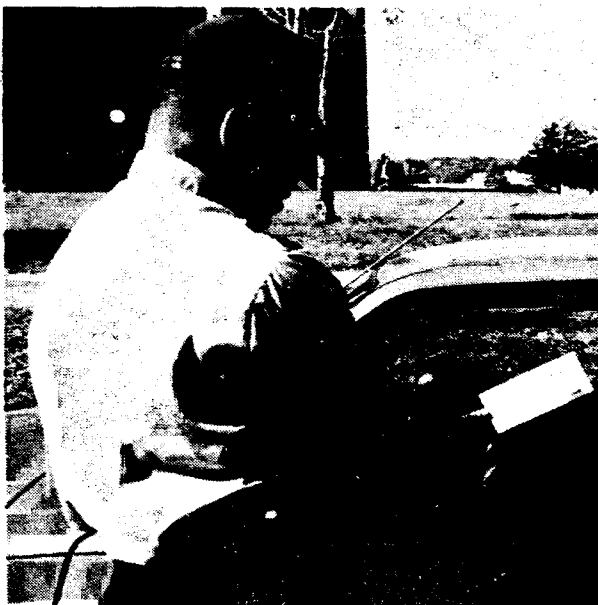
The commuters cite three recent developments that have contributed to their problem; an increase in commuters, a decrease in the number of parking spots and problems with the bus service and shelter from South P-lot.

"We have 16,000 students and 7,000 beds," said Gil Bowen of the Registrar's Office, "that means we have 9,000 commuter students." Not all of them are daytime students, some of them only come at night, Bowen said.

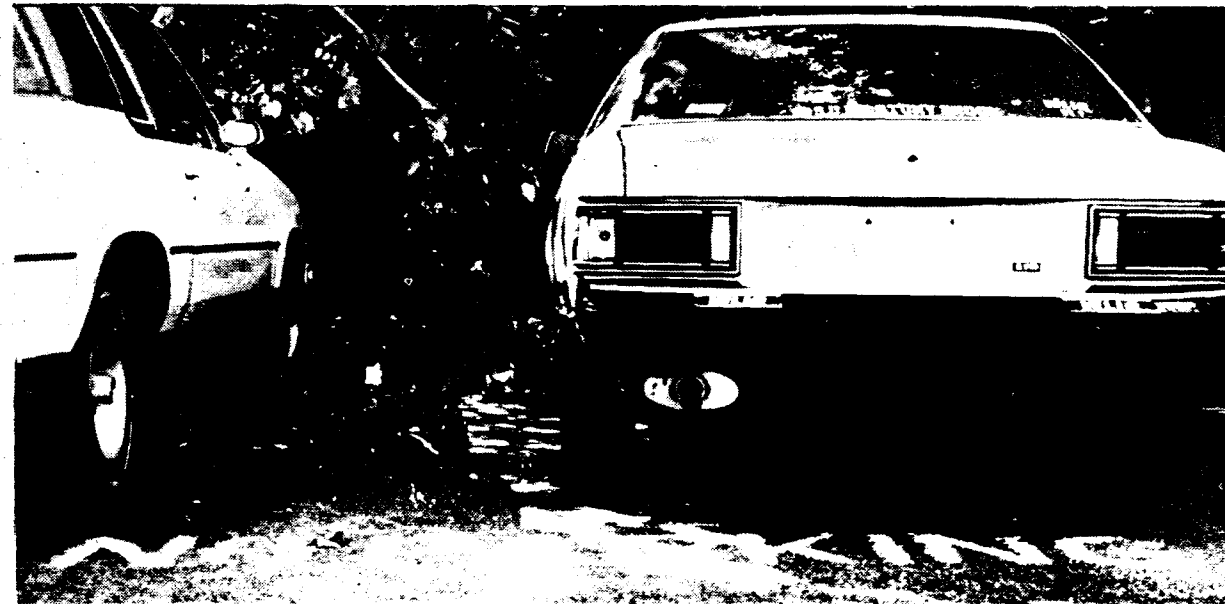
The situation in the mornings is of main concern, according to Public Safety officials, who point out that more spaces are available to students after 4:30 when they are able to use the faculty/staff parking lots.

Students are parking on walkways, on the grass adjacent to buildings and in illegal spaces, blocking entrances and exits to buildings, parking lots and loading zones, according

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New Program Puts Students Into Research

By Irwin M. Goldberg

Back in the fall of 1986, Provost Gerry Schubel had an idea to start a program for undergraduates which would allow them to get hands-on experience working on research projects alongside faculty members. This semester marks the start of the new program entitled URECA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program).

Dr. Laurie Johnson, who runs the program, said that URECA is strongly modeled after a similar program at MIT. After much research and planning, the program went into effect during this past summer. This semester is the first full semester that the program is offered Johnson said.

According to Johnson, undergraduates are encouraged to participate actively in research and work closely with a faculty member throughout this program. "It's a faculty and student development program," she said, adding that the only real requirement is the ability to do the work the position assigned requires.

It is designed for the serious student who "has a fairly sound understanding of what will enhance his/her academics, career, and knowledge...it is not for exploration," Johnson said, adding that since the program is designed to create or enhance the learning atmosphere, there is not G.P.A. minimum. Johnson said that she doesn't believe a grade point average should be considered since a low average does not mean that a person is not capable of doing the work.

URECA offers the student many choices in many different areas, but it also flexible enough for the creative individual to suit his/her own desires, Johnson said. If a student does not find a listed project which interests him/her, Johnson said that she or one of her assistants will review the student's own project idea. There are several students currently in the program that are doing one of their own research projects, Johnson said. Gary

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Calculus Problems Are Addressed at Colloquium

By Matthew Shelhorse

Educators discussed the problems of calculus and possible reform at a colloquium in Washington, D.C. on October 28 and 29. Professor Ronald G. Douglas, dean of Physical Sciences and Mathematics at Stony Brook, was chairman of the Task Force that organized the colloquium.

"The purpose was not so much to plan a new course, but to come to an agreement that we can change calculus," Douglas said.

Approximately one third of the students who take calculus will fail. Which is due, "partly to the way the course is taught, and partly the students," Douglas said.

"Calculus builds on itself. You need to have a solid understanding of the first weeks' material in order to understand the fifth weeks' material," Douglas said. He added, "Calculus makes the assumption that you learned high school mathematics well."

According to Douglas, there was a large amount of funding for teaching in the sixties and in the seventies, the funding was decreased, affecting curriculum reform plans and teaching. During the eighties there has been very little curriculum reform, especially in math and sciences, he said.

In the last ten years, enrollment in mathematics courses has almost doubled and the number of faculty has stayed the same. "An increase in Computer Science studies and more disciplines requiring a mathematics background,"

Douglas said, are a few reasons for the doubling of enrollment. The result, he said is "a larger class, and no one to grade homework."

According to Douglas, calculus is very big because most majors, excluding Humanities and Fine Arts, require it. Some problems with the calculus program that were brought up at the colloquium are the way it is taught, and the numerous foreign teachers, due to a decrease in the amount of Americans majoring in mathematics, Douglas said.

"Calculus can be improved. It will be five years before any change occurs," Douglas said, because any significant change will require money.

The National Science Foundation is funding a multi-million dollar project next year to experiment with ideas for reforming calculus. "That's not going to fund many experiments," Douglas said.

Many students have expressed their views of calculus. Gregg DiPrima, and economics major in his sophomore year said, "I feel that calculus is way too difficult. It's not because the program is designed like that. It's because the TA's do not have a firm grasp on the material themselves. A language barrier only serves to make the problem more acute."

Theresa Straub, a biochemistry major in her junior year said, "I think that every teacher, especially math teachers, should have to pass an English phonetics class before being permitted to teach."

Douglas said that the solution to the language problem would be to attract more American students to mathematics.

Joann Mannino, a mathematics major in her junior year, said "The department could do a lot more to give the students more work so they are familiar with it. TA's are not concerned with homework. They lecture right out of the book and they do not provide any contact with material other than what is in the book until you get into the exam room."

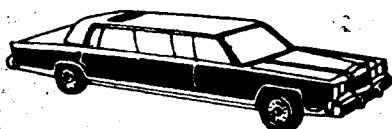
Douglas agreed saying, "The course needs changing in content and in the way it is taught. The course needs to be more interactive. Homework has to be collected and feedback given to the student."

Robert Peate, a French major, said, "My TA goes too fast. By the time I have a problem copied down in my notes, he has approached a new one. As a result, I copy down what he writes without understanding it."

"Calculus used to be a four semester course. Now it has been squeezed into three semesters. The solution would be to lessen the topics covered and go into them deeper," Douglas said.

According to Douglas, students should not just learn the techniques of calculus, they should also learn how to use the techniques.

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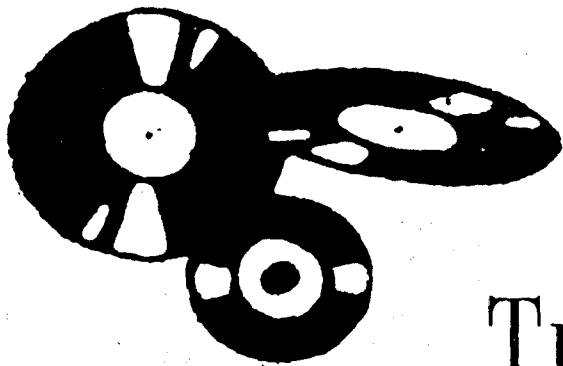
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Support and Protest at Vets Home Ceremony



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During the ground-breaking ceremony for the Veterans Home, protestors raised a banner appealing to Governor Cuomo for the clean-up of Javits Lecture Center, contaminated with dioxins last year.

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"This represents a concrete downpayment on the commitment made by Teddy Roosevelt" to care for veterans, said Congressman George Hochbrueckner.

Hochbrueckner called the ceremony "a celebration of happiness because we are commemorating the memory of all veterans who have served."

The 350-bed home will maintain its own staff, but will depend on the Health Sciences Center faculty for medical care and some day-to-day operations. The main campus will have administrative responsibility for the home, as it does for the Coram Health Center.

While some campus officials expressed apprehension over the home last year, Stony Brook officials at Tuesday's ceremony said the home's presence would enhance the campus's School of Medicine and School of Nursing.

"At one time I was a little concerned," University President John Marburger said Wednesday, "and now I feel any problems have been laid to rest."

Marburger said that because the home will be on a separate budget than SUNY's and will function mostly as a residential-type complex, it will not intrude on the workings of the campus.

The home will take up about 30 acres of land between East Loop Road, by the HSC, and the community's Pond Path

Road; it will stand on the left side of the Chapin Apartments. According to a scale of the facility, it should resemble garden apartments.

About two thirds of the home's \$25 million building costs are being provided by the federal government, with the rest funded by state legislature grants.

Most of the home's residents will be from Nassau and Suffolk — where there are over 2.5 million veterans, with about 85,000 over the age of 65.

Students Face Parking Crunch

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to Herb Petty assistant director of Public Safety.

"One of the worst problems we have is when people illegally park in handicapped parking spaces," said Petty, "when that happens handicapped persons park in an illegal spot nearby and it ends up that their car gets ticketed and towed away." Petty said that he has instructed Public Safety officers to check those cars for handicapped stickers and if there is a sticker, the cars are left alone.

"Buses from South P-lot are not frequent enough," said Paul Garvin, a junior and commuter. "If I arrive on campus with only five to ten minutes to get to class I either park in a faculty/staff lot or on the grass next to the building I have the class in. I usually try not to be late. Those tickets add up."

A Polity Senate committee to look into the parking problem formed last Tuesday night and its chairman will be Brett Kessler, a Commuter College senator. "Since the hospital shut down one of its garages, (for construction of a third floor) priority bus service is being given to the hospital at the expense of those going to main campus," Kessler said.

"If a bus going to the hospital breaks down," said Kessler, "they take a bus off the main campus run and place it on the hospital run. They are trying to have buses run to the hospital every five minutes, even if they're empty they still go."

"The construction on the east campus has caused more cars to go to South P-lot and has required more bus service from that lot," said Petty, "but that should end by the end of December. That's when part of the garage is due to open and when it is complete, parking capacity will increase there."

In all types of weather students must stand outside of the shelter to wait for the bus because the bad conditions of the road in front of it prevents the buses from pulling up there according to George Faubert, senator of Commuter College.

"The roads are a big problem," said Faubert, a member of the newly formed Polity transportation committee. Faubert said that if commuters and residents want to help solve the parking problem they should attend the first transportation committee meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Commuter College.

URECA Widens SB Research

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Newton, one such student, is working on a project that involves putting together a group of musicians that are different from any other one on campus. Along with a faculty member, he is preparing the group for a performance later in the year.

According to Johnson, the program is governed by the same rules that govern classes, so in effect, URECA is a series of classes. Students do not work for grades but can arrange to receive credit. Each project is assessed on an individual basis and applicable credit given. In addition, there are monetary grants, fellowships, and expense allowances available (in lieu of credit in most cases). Credit is awarded only in addition to an expense allowance (maximum \$150), she said.

The university community provides support for the program, Johnson said, and the faculty and staff involved with the program are not given anything more than their initial salaries. The faculty members participate on a strictly voluntary basis, she said.

Johnson said she is pleased that 140 students turned out for the first semester of the program and hopes that in the future the numbers will increase.

Barbara Bentley, a faculty sponsor in the URECA program, said "I think it's good for undergraduates to have experience with sciences as well as to work with the faculty...something that doesn't occur too often anymore."

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Crowds of students waiting at bus stops on campus this week witnessed some of the first signs of winter: wind driving freezing sleet through layers of clothing, icicles forming in their hair, and the urge to cut class and return home to bask in the luxury afforded by a simple roof.

Bus riders at Stony Brook — especially commuters — need better shelter from the rain, sleet, and snow — certainly not an outrageous request. The university funds such worthwhile projects as landscaping, new sprinkler systems, and phone-line tape recorders. Why were these given higher priority than keeping students out of the rain? All that is needed is a simple roof for protection from the elements.

Granted, a shelter does exist ... the birds love it. The students now not only get frozen waiting for the bus, they get tantalized as well by the nearby haven, abandoned because of potholes in the road. If university officials cannot construct a new shelter perhaps they should consider fixing the road. This site should be given priority over other less critical sites on campus, such as road between Engineering Drive and the psychology building, which is still under repair.

The need for improved bus stops and bus service will not diminish in the coming semesters. By the end of this month, according to university officials, the gym parking lot will also be inaccessible as the field house construction begins. More people will join those already inconvenienced by the con-

struction of the new hospital parking facilities in the hunt for parking spots. Increasing numbers of south P-lot users should mandate greater consideration by university officials for commuters. Instead, parking cutbacks all over campus will only make life more and more difficult for commuters.

Despite the difficulties presented by the repairs on the hospital parking garage and the campus construction, there is no excuse for making commuters suffer. Foresight should have spurred repairs in South P-lot months ago, before the urgency of winter arrived. And, judging by the crowds waiting at the Union, Engineering Drive, and South P, students need more frequent bus runs as well.

The common response to such complaints is that low budgets disallow the repairs. But students should not have to bear the brunt of problems university officials should have foreseen and accounted for. If anything should suffer, it is the budget for the less-crucial repairs and renovations on campus. Granted, Albany may not be too responsive to requests for pot-hole filler, but to say that the funds could not be found elsewhere just doesn't wash.

Perhaps the university could scrimp on the bushes a little and supply the commuters with a roof. Maybe then the snow will gather only on the shrubbery and not on commuters' heads.

Students Have Voting Power

Many Americans took some time out of their day last Tuesday for another round of "pick-the-politicians." Most Stony Brook students quietly missed another election.

True, it was "just" a local election, but local elections have a real effect on students at Stony Brook. And students at Stony Brook can — if they use their power — have a real effect on the local elections. A recent decision by the Suffolk County Board of Elections — spurred by the Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) — opens the way for campus residents to vote in the local district. This will benefit residents in two ways: they now have a means to effect local policy that affects their lives, and they can more easily vote in national elections.

With the potential force of thousands of votes, campus residents could get the attention of local politicians — politicians who help shape policies such as land-zoning laws. If local politicians are interested in what students need, students could lobby for more community consideration, perhaps making off-campus housing more available and off-campus life more attractive. The university and community can benefit from each other (though both seem resistant to cooperation), but only if some unity is achieved. Community members aren't likely to enroll *en masse* at the university,

but students can enroll with the Board of Elections.

By voting locally, rather than in back home, students will find it much easier to vote in national elections. Students who might not find time to go home to vote on a Tuesday during mid-terms might be able to take just an hour out of their day to vote near campus. A voting booth should be placed on campus, or a shuttle bus provided to minimize the difficulty of voting.

Students who do not want to petition to vote in Suffolk County can still get absentee ballots. Those who believe that living at Stony Brook eight months out of each year links them more closely with the local community than their parents' community can register to vote here instead. The process involves filling out one form and one questionnaire and sending the board proof of residency at Stony Brook (i.e., a bill sent to a campus address). As this process may involve waiting for the board to process the forms, students interested in registering should begin the process well before the next elections (primaries are in April).

NYPIRG can assist any student who wants to register in Suffolk, in his or her home county, or to get an absentee ballot. The power of the vote is not one reserved for those who have graduated, and it should not be wasted.

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LETTERS

Payroll Rigamarole

To The Editor:

I just finished reading Eric Christian Hinces' letter to the editor (11/2/87) with regard to problems about graduate students not being paid on time, and it really set my blood boiling, again. I am totally sympathetic to Eric's point of view, since I had a similar experience this summer. Let me explain.

I was hired at the last minute to TEACH, not TA, an undergraduate class in the Computer Science Department this summer. I accepted the position for two reasons: the experience, and more practically, to support myself for the summer. Boy, did I have a surprise waiting for me! The class began June 2 and lectures continued until July 30, after which my part of the class was finished aside from assigning the final grades. The ironic twist to this, was that I didn't receive my FIRST paycheck until August 5, one week AFTER I had COMPLETED teaching the class.

I travelled the same infinite circular paths as Eric probably did: visiting the Graduate School who sent me to the Summer Session Office, who sent me to Payroll, who sent me to the Graduate School...Get the picture? Each 'De-lightful' face (with accompanying attitude) that I met with, (with the exception of Meg Shea from the Summer Session Office, to whom I owe thanks for her unfortunately wasted time and effort), said any combination of: I couldn't be granted advance payment because blah blah blah; it was not their fault; there was nothing that they could do; blah blah blah... After running around completely loosing the little bit of patience that I had left (from two years of school here), I resorted to discussing it with the chairman of my department (to whom I also owe my thanks). My mouth dropped in disbelief when he told me that the payroll had granted me advance payment on my (late by two pay periods) paycheck. And all that it took me was a phone call — now why didn't I think of that??!!#&%!

In my investigation, I discovered that I was not the only person in the same boat, that there were in fact, a dozen people in my position to be paid from the same account. Even worse, the graduate school knew about it all along. If it had to happen at all, did anyone even THINK to lift a finger to call, or write a note to inform those involved, that they'd better find another way to pay the rent (or feed their families) for the next two months? This is the ABSOLUTE MINIMUM action that should have been performed. Instead, when payday(s) came around, quite a few people got a 'not so pleasant' surprise. Is there some reason (besides my past experience with the TOTAL unreliability and apathy of this administration, of course) that I should be led to believe that I would not be getting paid on schedule?

If this is the way employees are treated at Stony Brook, and worse yet, if this is an example of the type of bureaucracy that I am going to discover in the 'real world,' God help us all. I challenge anyone else who has had problems similar to this, to also write a letter to the editor. I know that you are out there!

Lisa Ferrante
Masters in Computer Science,
August 1987

Vote Note

To The Editor:

I'd like to publicly thank NYPIRG for helping me gain the right to vote in this district. I also would like to congratulate Mrs. Postal from my home district in Amityville for winning the election there.

However, I think it would be a good idea if in the next election, NYPIRG might also provide student voters with information about all the candidates. Voting is a moot point if the majority of people don't know what they are voting for.

After calling 411 and getting the phone number for the board of elections, I proceeded to find out that some things in life can actually be very simple! The process for voting is a breeze. If everyone reading

this does the same thing (pick up the phone) you too can vote. The form comes in the mail, fill it out and mail it back.

Primaries are fun too, so after you've registered independent for awhile, choose a party. Then you can help decide twice, who you want to represent you. You might also go to the extreme of calling information for his phone number to tell him what's on your mind! You might also ask him questions. But that's for the extreme person who actually uses his right to be heard.

For the rest of us registration is enough, for some finding out the issues is the next step. Again pick up the phone and have the local newspaper from home mailed to you (the week or two before the election). Read the issues and keep your ballot by your side and check the boxes! This is best done with a couple of beers and some doritos because it will take awhile. Pop the ballot in the envelope and mail.

Here is where I get upset. WHERE CAN YOU MAIL IT?

If the Statesman could help here I would greatly appreciate it. It's a small favor to ask that may be too hard to be handled by administration, but would be fantastic if they would. COULD WE PLEASE GET MORE MAILBOXES?

James A.G. Laing

Thanks and Ranks

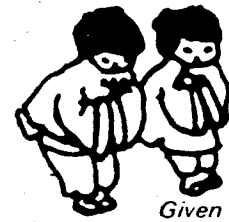
To The Editor:

I would like to thank Paul Chase for his letter to the editor in response to Joe Cheffo's *Bits of Wit* article on Thursday, October 29th regarding the Student Polity election process. I appreciate his defense of my character in light of Cheffo's supposedly "humorous" criticism. I am requesting that Joe Cheffo write a response to Paul Chase's article.

Jacque Dorcelly
Polity President

Editors Note:

All political figures — whether on campus or off — leave themselves open to political satire. Mr. Cheffo's intent was only to be humorous and satirical.



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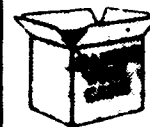
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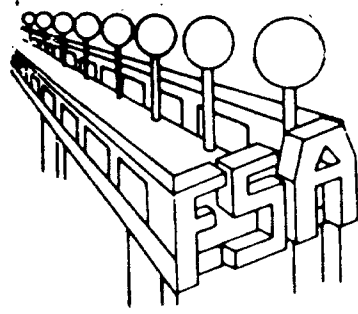
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ALTERNATIVES

"Giselle" Graces Stage

By Lisa Rosevear

While "punk" kids slam-danced to the lyrics of "Love and Rockets" in the gym, another very different event graced the Fine Arts Center Saturday night. A sold-out audience gazed as perfect lithe bodies, glided across the Main Stage of the Fine Arts Center in a performance of the ballet, *Giselle*.

Here on their first visit to America, the Warsaw Ballet of Poland is under the direction of Maria Krzyszkowska, who was a prima ballerina in her younger years. The ballet company successfully launched the audience into a romantic fantasy world with their rendition of *Giselle*. 1985 marked the bicentennial anniversary of the ensemble. A turbulent Polish history has had impact on the troupe's existence. During WW II Nazis occupied Poland and from 1939-45 the dancers did not perform. Before that, the ensemble shared a theatre with other performers until 1833 when the Wielki (Grand) theatre was built for their use. Today, the Warsaw ballet is proud of the theater that is claimed to be one of the most modern and largest in Europe. They have toured extensively in Europe, the Soviet Union and now the United States, employing such famous Polish choreographers as Filippo Taglioni, Carlo Blasis, and Enrico Cecchetti.

The French ballet *Giselle* is a story of unrequited love based on a Slavonic legend about young women who died before their wedding nights, but return as angel spirits at night to visit their men. It is a ballet performed in Russian tradition,

the original choreography by Jean Coralli and Jules Perot has added only minor modern adjustments.

Act I opens to a rural peasant village where pretty maidens are dancing joyously. *Giselle*, performed by Olga Likhovskaya of the Kirov Ballet in Leningrad meets a man. As she plucks the petals of a flower, she determines — he-loves-me, he-loves-me-not. Two men vouch for her affection: one the prince Albrecht, played by Waldemar Wolk-Karczewski, and the other a peasant Hilarion, played by Lukasz Gruziel. They argue, but *Giselle* is smitten with the prince.

The Royal family visits the pastoral village and at first approves of the couple. *Giselle*, filled with happiness glides round the stage seemingly floating in air. Celebrating the courtship, the lovers reveal their passion in a dreamy romantic dance, Albrecht holds *Giselle* above him and spins her perfectly, their ecstasy is obvious. The audience feels every ounce of it. But alas, tragedy occurs and the original approval is suddenly denied. Now *Giselle*, stricken with grief, is traumatic. She dances in blind madness grabbing at a sword to pierce herself. She is frantic and suddenly without any aid of a weapon collapses to her death. The cause is unseen, but it seems a broken heart may be the killer.

Act II is in a cemetery after dusk. Spirits of young, dead brides-to-be glide across the stage. At night they are permitted to roam the earth. Like swans they move in formation without any missteps to ruin



Olga Lichowska, guest artist, Kirov Ballet

musical score created by Adolphe Adam was not played by a vibrant full piece orchestra, but instead it was a recording. Because of this, in times of soft music the procession.

Albrecht visits *Giselle*'s grave and suddenly senses her presence. The two mortal and immortal lovers dance once again, this time in a supernatural world. Their passion still intense, although never to be

fulfilled carries between the two worlds of living and dead. Albrecht, so joyous at feeling *Giselle*'s presence leaps into the air, fluttering his feet in entrechats. Their time is limited and soon dawn sweeps in and ends their evening together. The tragedy of their situation is finally realized when they sadly say goodbye.

Some technical factors stole the
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Pondering Pointless Hypothetical Questions



Consider these few simple yet thought provoking questions for a moment. What would you do if the lady who owns the Ragu tomato sauce company broke into your dorm room in the middle of the night, pulled a large hunting knife out on you; and forced you to eat 2 pounds of cooked linguini through a straw? Or, worse yet, what would you do if the Rus-

sian government decided to shoot a nuclear missile at your forehead?

If you are having trouble answering either of these two ridiculous questions, or if you are wondering why they are being asked in the first place, then you probably weren't around this past Thursday evening when myself and the rest of the Philosophy Club held its 5th weekly club meeting over in Harriman Hall. The topic this last session was "Pointless Hypothetical Questions."

The group started off the discussion by asking ourselves why we should even waste our time talking about hypothetical situations that don't exist now and probably never will. Both of us thought about this for quite a while. Although Margaret and I could not seem to come up with a definite answer for this, we did agree that discussing hypothetical questions is at least as useful as walking around the South Bronx in a daze at 2 o'clock in the morning, and probably much less dangerous.

Margaret and I then took a short break to go outside and smoke some marijuana.

After we returned, we were very excited to see that two new members had arrived and were eager to partake in our discussion.

At this point, the meeting really started to pick up pace. One of the new arrivals, Fred, jumped quickly into the conversation and stimulate a great deal of thought among the group by asking a very interesting question. "If hypothetically," said Fred, "the library ever received a monthly periodical reference magazine, where would they put it, in the periodical section or in the reference room?" A great silence fell upon the room as we all began to meditate upon this

difficult, paradoxical situation.

The silence was finally broken about 2 hours later. Fred's friend, Lance, said that he believed that it shouldn't be put in either place but instead, the library should file it in the card catalogue under R.P., for Reference Periodicals. Just then, Margaret grabbed a hold of a small ceramic bust of Plato and broke it over Lances nose. "That answer was completely moronic", said Lance defensively, "but the question was moronic to begin with".

I agreed with Lance that Fred's question was rather absurd, and I decided to call for a vote to oust Fred from the Philosophy Club. The vote was unanimously in favor of his removal, and Fred, mumbling obscenities to himself, picked up his books and left.

After all the commotion died down, the group quickly refocused its attention back to the topic discussion. Margaret really got our thinking wheels back in motion when she asked; "If, lets just say for a moment, there really were 4 dimensions in the universe, do you think we would still be able to find our way to class?" We all closed our eyes and contemplated this interesting question for about 10 seconds, at which point we all agreed that the human mind was not capable of answering it—at least not sober, anyway.

Realizing that this would be a good time to end the meeting [don't ask me why], I decided to call for a motion to close. Before we left, though, I wanted to find out what the group had learned tonight. When I asked them, Lance and Margaret quickly repoded that hypothetically, they may have learned a whole lot, but in reality, they probably should have went to that party over in Kelly.

"Safe Sex" Shows Emotional Side of AIDS

By Tara E. Montalto

Get ready for a hit! The Stony Brook Theatre Department has their act together with *Safe Sex*, three one act plays written by Harvey Fierstein and directed by Robert Alpaugh. The set, colored in desert earth tones and Santa Fe pastels is designed by Michael Sharp. The set is simple but aesthetically pleasing. The lighting creates a comfortable mood and complements Sharp's design with a blanket of warmth. Alpaugh's insight is apparent in the thoughtful and well-executed performances of his cast. In short, the play is real and emotional.

The first play, "Manny and Jake," opens with Manny, sitting centerstage, on a bench. His broad arms are outstretched with his palms turned upward, praying. The role of Manny is played beautifully by Morgan Margolis. He is sensitive and clearly transforms his feelings from the stage to the hearts of the audience as Manny, who thinks he may

be an AIDS "carrier." Reuben Goldman plays Jake, a man who exchanges thoughts with Manny as a passerby in the park. Although Goldman is a bit over dramatic his efforts are well-received as Jake who empathizes with Manny's pain and uncertainty. Jake still hopes for a chance to be more intimate with Manny. But they can't. Because like Manny says, they "can't kiss." Jake drags stuffed, cloth dummies across the stage and drops them at Manny's feet. The dummies are statistics and symbolic of ex-lovers and friends, dead from AIDS. A feeling of sadness sweeps the stage. A moment of silence for the dead people and lost dreams.

In the second play, *Safe Sex*, Morgan Margolis is Mead and Anthony Morelli is Ghee. Ghee and Mead are lovers trying to balance their emotions and behaviors in today's era of AIDS. Morelli is brilliant as the fanatical and jumpy Ghee, who is obsessed with his list of "Do's and don'ts

of safe sex." He is hysterically funny, and genuinely tender. Margolis and Morelli are naturals together on stage. They show us that even though it has become increasingly scary for people to share love and sexuality today, people will always live to love.

In the last play, *On Tidy Endings*, a man, Collin, has died from AIDS. Marion, his ex-wife, Arthur, his lover and Jim, his eleven year old son are left to grieve and sort out their own lives. Marion, played by Robbin Van de Veer is convincing as the middle aged ex-wife who cannot deal with the fact that Arthur may have shared more with Collin in the last three years of his life than Marion and Collin did in their entire fifteen years of marriage. David Reichold is funny as Marion's son who is an awkward and obnoxious pre-teen. Anthony Morelli is outstanding in his role as Collin's widow who confronts Marion's jealousy and brings them to a mutual understanding.

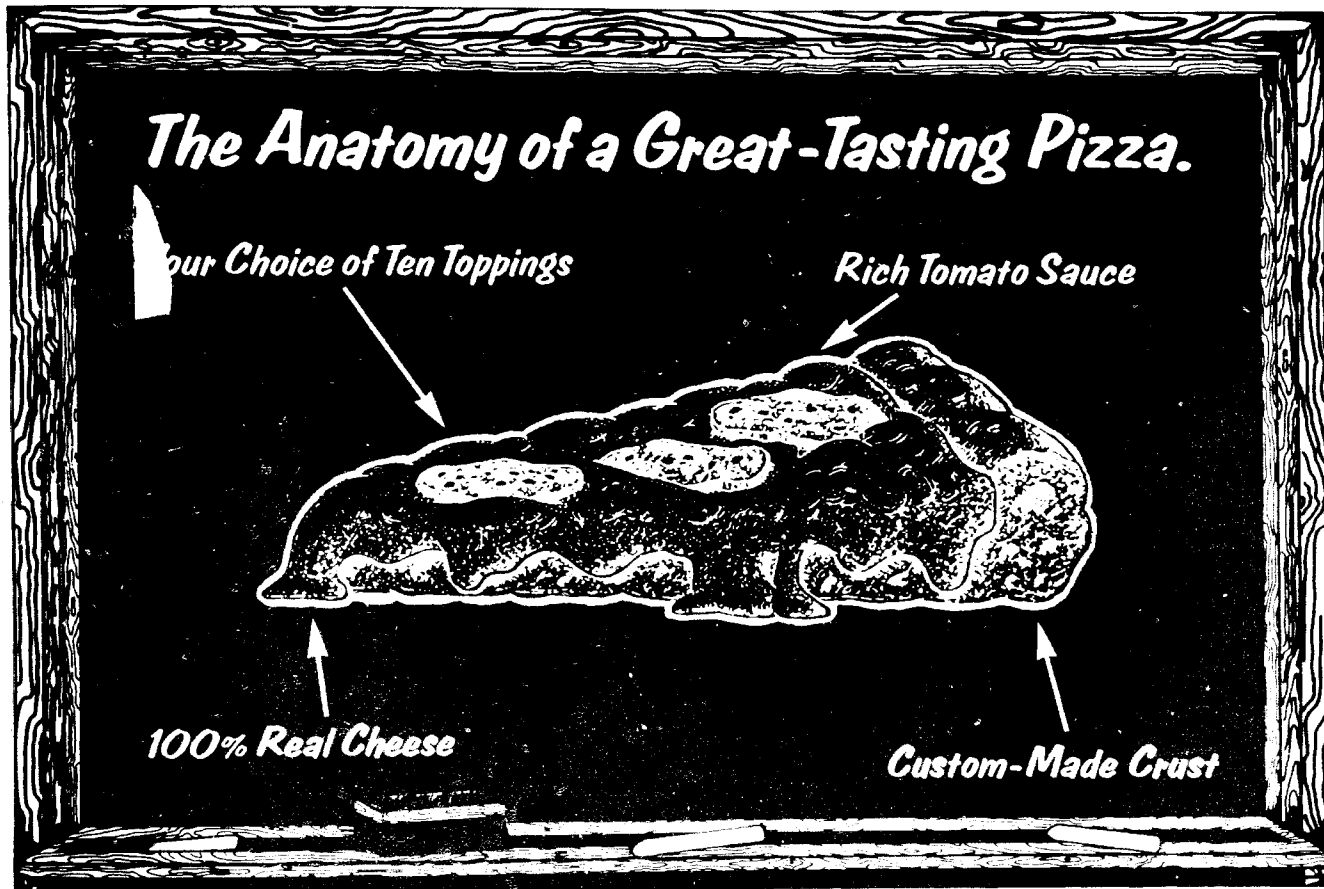
Do yourself a favor and see *Safe Sex*. You are guaranteed to laugh, and you may even cry a little. *Safe Sex* can be seen at the Fine Arts Center, Theatre II, November 11-14 and 20-21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are General Public \$6, Students \$4 and Senior Citizens free. Tickets can be purchased at the Fine Arts Center box office, 632-7230.

"Giselle"

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intense passion *Giselle* is famed for. The dancers' feet were not silent steps, but loud thunks on the hard wood floor.

The second act dragged with repetition of the same theme, the same types of choreography and the same idea. Although the story was a bit "corny" in taste, the passion was expressed to the audience effectively. Unfortunately, this unrealistic fantasy romance makes real human relationships seem somehow hum-drum and inadequate.



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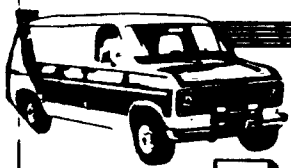
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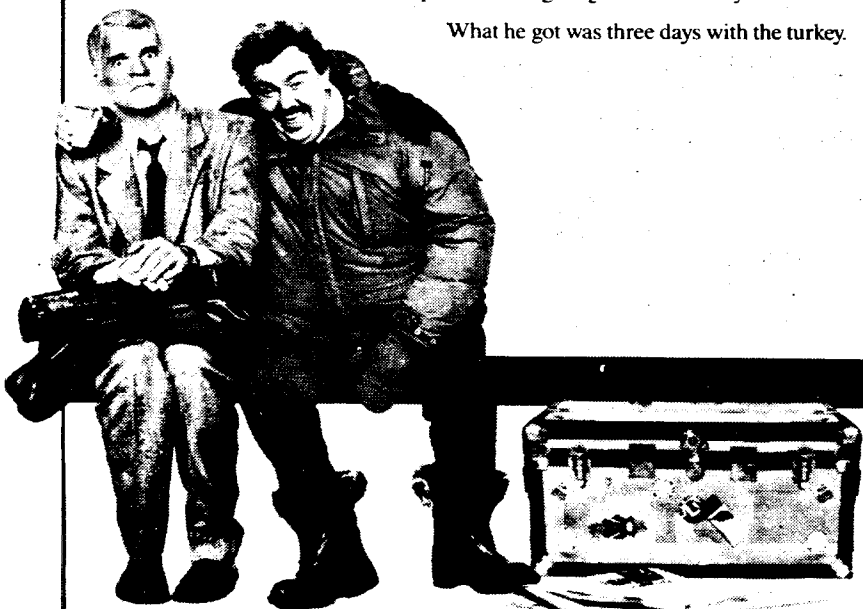


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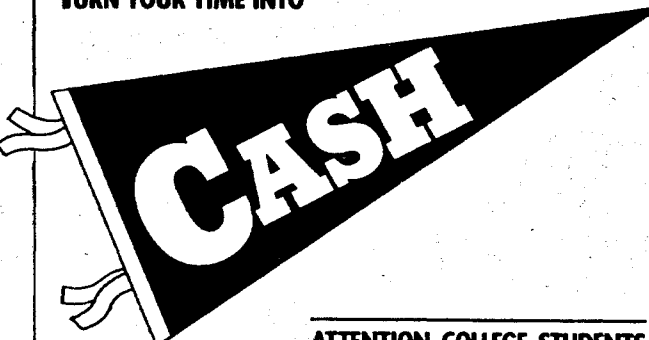
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AFC Weekend Preview

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New Orleans at San Francisco: The Saints have blown away the Falcons and the Rams in the past two weeks. No great accomplishment, but no small one for a team that has never had a winning season. Rickey Jackson and the rest of New Orleans' solid linebacking corps will slow down Joe Montana but they won't stop him. The 49ers have an awesome passing attack and viturally no weaknesses. They shouldn't have too much trouble with the spirited Saints. Take San Francisco minus six points.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota: Coach Ray Perkins had the Bucs playing over their heads, but last week they surrendered 28 fourth-quarter points and the game to St. Louis. The letdown will cost them emotion that had been on their side. The Vikings have had their problems, but are clearly the superior team. Take Minnesota minus eight.

Detroit at Washington: The Lions are as good as their 2-6 record indicates. Ditto for the 6-2 Redskins. 12½ points is a bundle but give it and bank on Washington.

L.A. Rams at St. Louis: The Cardinals had that phenomenal comeback against Tampa Bay and may be a slightly better team. Still, I like L.A.'s coaching and the Rams have to win sometime. Take Los Angeles plus 5½.

Cincinnati at Atlanta: A disappointing season thus far for the Bengals and a predictably lousy one for the Falcons. One loss and Cincy can forget the playoffs. They won't have forgotten them by Monday. Cincinnati minus six.

Dallas at New England: Instead of being buoyed by their stirring comeback against the Giants, the Cowboys went out and played like month-old soda in their loss to Detroit last week. Owner Peck Schramm's criticism of the Cowboys' too-back-offense can't help team unity. Despite a .500 record, I still think the Patriots have as much talent as any team in football. New England minus four is this week's best bet.

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NFC Weekend Preview

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The Silver and Black have been taking a beating lately. The Raiders have lost five straight games for the first time since 1964. I bet that Al Davis read the riot act to his team this week. With the Raiders playing at a high intensity level, and Bo Jackson beginning to fit into the offense, the Raiders should be able to give the Chargers a battle. My selection is Los Angeles over San Diego, taking the four points.

Dan Hampton and Otis Wilson are hurt. The Bears have to play in noisy Mile High Stadium. The Bear have struggled against weak competition lately. This all adds up to a Broncos victory on Monday night, right?

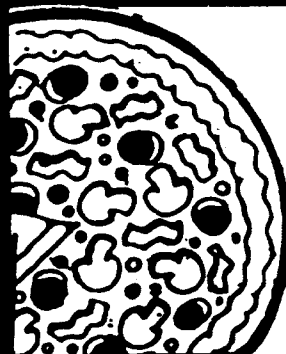
Wrong. This Bears team always finds a way to win. With zany QB Jim McMahon at the helm, the Bears are very tough to beat. Although John Elway is capable of doing some great things, he has no running game to support him. Knowing this, Richard Dent and Wilbur Marshall will blitz him relentlessly. My selection is the Bears over the Broncos, taking the 1½ points.

In other games, I like Seattle over Green Bay, giving the 12 points, and Pittsburgh over Houston, giving the 3½ points.

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Patriot Athlete Of the Week

Lady Patriots Volleyball standout **Nancy Streiber** earned *Statesman Athlete of the Week* honors for the week ending Nov. 9th. Streiber, a 5'5" junior, was named to the All Tournament team at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships last weekend. She contributed 80 kill shots and 26 blocks in six matches as an outside-hitter. Behind Streiber, the Lady Pats won five of their six matches to finish second in the tournament and close out their season with a record of 26-12.



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Patriots Looking for Redemption

By Kostya Kennedy

The Patriots have a few things to take care of when they host the Brockport State Golden Eagles in their season finale this Saturday. They want to erase the lingering memory of last season's 14-0 loss to Brockport, gain some self-respect and give senior players a graduation present.

"It was a real disheartening loss," said Patriot Head Coach Sam Kornhauser about last year's season-ending game at Brockport. "We played in the snow and after a 14-hour bus ride. We didn't play too well."

Stony Brook went into that game with a 5-3 record and needed a win to have a chance at an ECAC bid. All they got was a frustrating loss. They suffered their first shutout of the year and had the whole off-season to think about what might have been.

"It's a pay back game," said Kornhauser of this Saturday's match up. "I've been looking forward to it all year. Last year's game is etched in my mind."

Senior offensive tackle Tom Bradley agrees that last season's loss is still fresh in Patriot memories: "You always remember when you play a team again the next year, but especially when you lose like we did."

Apart from redeeming themselves, the Patriots want to add decency to their 3-5 record.

"We've done pretty well against teams

that aren't so good," said quarterback Dan Shabbick. "We'd like to finally beat a good team."

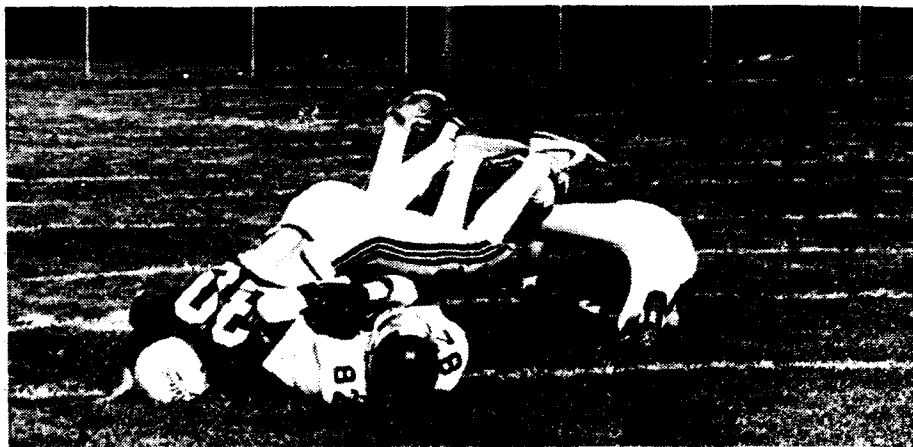
Each of Stony Brook's wins have been routs. They have walloped three teams that have a combined record of 4-23. Although the Pats also played well against excellent teams like Hofstra, Fordham, and Kean, they were not able to bring home a victory. On Saturday they will be up against a massive Golden Eagle team that is coming off two consecutive wins.

"They are a very tough, physical team," Coach Kornhauser said. "Just some big, strong kids. We'll be at a size disadvantage."

"They're huge," Shabbick agreed. "I think they're bigger than Hofstra."

There's nothing the Patriots can do to beef up by Saturday, but they can try to better the Golden Eagles in other ways. Shabbick says he and the rest of the Patriot offense will attempt to complete short passes against the Brockport cornerbacks who generally play deep. Close-range passes would put less pressure on the Stony Brook offensive line which has yielded 30 sacks this season. Short, quick pass patterns should give the Golden Eagle defenders less time to get to Shabbick.

Saturday's game will be the final game for Patriot seniors. Chuck Downey needs one more punt return for a touchdown to estab-



Statesman JoMarie Fecci

The Patriot Football Team hopes to level the competition this Saturday at home for the final game of the season — Be there!

lish an NCAA career record of eight punt return TD's. Downey, who holds a crop of other NCAA return records, and Jim Hayes the tight end who has caught more passes than any other Patriot in history, lead the list of seniors. Bradley, linebackers Joe Emr and Glen Heyward, running back Mike Licata, tight end Kevin Hanson, and defensive tackle Kevin Noonan are other seniors who have played this year and will suit up on Saturday.

"We want to close on a good note," said

Shabbick, a sophomore. "It would be nice to give the seniors a win."

Downey has sent game films to an NFL scouting combine but his chances of making the pros at 5'9", out of the Division III school are slim. For the rest of the seniors, Saturday's game may well be their last.

"I'm not nervous, but it is weird," said Bradley. "It's the last game I'll ever play."

"It's the last one," said Downey. "You try not to think about it, but it's the last one."

1987 Women's Soccer, Over But Not Finished

By William Laerz

Although the Lady Patriot Soccer Team of Stony Brook University came out of the NYSWCAA Championships playing hotter than ever, their season was to end on that glorious November 1 Sunday, without them knowing it at the time.

The Lady Pats being the champs of the State Tournament, left Siena looking great for a bid to play in the NCAA Championships. While waiting for this decision, the women knew that if they didn't make the NCAA's they would definitely be invited to play in the ECAC Championships.

As it turned out, the Lady Pats didn't play in the NCAA Tournament or the ECAC Tournament, although they were invited to the ECAC's. This was so because the department felt the ECAC were a go nowhere tournament, and they had already sent the team to a tournament this season (NYSWCAA). Pat Murry, the sports information director, said, "It would have been nice to have gone, but I can understand the school's position..."

Stony Brook has a hearsay policy that says the Physical Education Department will send each sports team to only one tournament per season. Sandy Weeden, director of Women's Athletics, said, "We feel it's a sound policy. We owe our student athletes one post season championship opportunity, unless they qualify for the NCAA's... [A tournament in which] you can go somewhere. You can become a national champion."

Head Coach Sue Ryan said, "It's not a bad policy, all things considered."

Forward Morlene Page said, "It's frustrating [not being able to play], but I guess I kind of understand. There's only so much money to go around."

This policy is due to both economic and scholastic reasons. The department hopes to have this policy put into print by next Fall.

According to Ryan, members of the team were disappointed they didn't make the NCAA Championships and not being able to go to the ECAC's. This was because they didn't want the season to stop when they were at their best. Coach Ryan said, "It was almost like, 'please don't let it end yet because we have so much more to do.' I mean we were peaking at the perfect time."

Fullback, Lisa Shaffer said, "It was a total let down. It was like, we had just gotten started, playing together as a unit, as

a whole team... it was very disappointing.

Last year the team went to both the NYSWCAA and the ECAC's. This was to give the young team more exposure and experience, according to the department. The team did poorly in both tournaments.

This year the team chose to go to the States over the ECAC's because they are more prestigious, according to Ryan.

Looking forward to next year, the team should be one of the ones to watch out for. Coach Ryan said, "Next year will be a peaking year for us."

Pro Football Weekend Preview

Eagles — Giants

Jets — Chiefs

By Kostya Kennedy

The Giants finally played a quality football game last week. They were stingy on defense and their 17-10 victory over New England somewhat shrouded the morbid memory of the Dallas debacle two weeks ago. But the gasping Giants are hardly trouble-free. Quarterback Jeff Rutledge filled in beautifully for the injured Phil Simms last Sunday, but the Giants won't turn this gloomy season around without their number one QB. Simm's savvy and gutsy play will be missed against Buddy Ryan's blitzing Philadelphia defense this weekend.

If the Mara family continues to punish Gary Reasons for his early-season holdout, the Giants will be in trouble against the Eagles. While Reasons has been banished to the sidelines, Pepper Johnson's tentative play has cost the Giants. The Giants need Reasons at inside linebacker to help stop Eagle quarterback Randall Cunningham. Cunningham scrambled and passed like an All-Pro in last week's 31-27 win over Washington. I doubt Philadelphia will score that much against the Giants, but they won't give up 27 points either. If not for lethargic play by the Eagle scabs (they went 0-3) Philadelphia might have moved into first place with last week's win. The Giants' backs are against the wall and by Sunday night they'll be behind it. I like the Eagles getting 1 1/2 at home.

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Pre-season hopes have turned into a nightmare for Chief fans. Mainly because of a lame replacement team, the Chiefs record stands at 1-7. Coming off a tough loss to Pittsburgh, the Chiefs' morale is low. With Ken O'Brien back on track, the Jets offense should roll. Johnny Hector and Freeman McNeil should be able to run against a Chief run-defense that gave up 250 yards last week. My selection is the Jets over Kansas City, taking the 2 1/2 points.

The Colts have the perfect game plan to defense Miami's high-powered offense. Give the ball to Eric Dickerson 30 times. Even if they don't score, the Colts can eat up the clock, and thus keep Dan Marino and company off the field. Considering the Dolphins lame run-defense, Eric Dickerson should have a field day. When Marino does take the field, he'll be without the services of star wide receiver Mark Duper (hurt last week against the Bengals). My selection is Indianapolis over Miami, taking the seven points.

Buffalo has a lot going for it these days. 1) Jim Kelly's golden arm. 2) the pass-rushing combo of Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett, and 3) being tied for first place in November. The Bills finally believe that they can win. With their confidence soaring, I look for the Bills to play the Browns close in Cleveland. My selection is Buffalo over Cleveland, taking the 7 1/2 points.

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