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New Doors Dormant

Nine of 10 Doors for Handicapped Don't Open

By Amy Flateman

In order to make SUNY Stony Brook more accessible to physically disabled students, sliding doors have been installed in various buildings throughout the campus, said Sanford Gerstel, assistant Vice President for Campus Operations and Director of Facilities Engineering.

Gerstel said, the installation began in December and has recently been completed. However upon examination, of the 10 doors installed only one of them is operable at the present time.

The functioning door is located in the rear of the Student Union, by G and H Quads and has been in service for three weeks, said Gerstel. According to Michael Ring, Evening Coordinator of the Union, and several students the sliding door has broken down frequently.

"The doors which are most heavily used had sliders installed first," said Gerstel. The cost of each door plus installation came to approximately \$7000, said Gerstel. This is a total project cost of \$70,000.

The contractor was Doors Automation from New York, said Gerstel. However, "the doors were not installed to our satisfaction... and until the doors are working properly we are not allowing them to be paid," said Daniel Feit, Director of Facilities Planning.

Presently the back entrance of the Union, Humanities, Harriman Hall and in the Old Chemistry building, there is an exterior sliding door. This is followed by a vestibule which leads to a set of conventional inner doors. "These inner doors are heavy and a humiliation to the handicapped who still have to ask for help," said Ring.

"They took a good idea and didn't do it right," said Ring. He cited many problems he has with the doors at the end of the night, "they are constantly coming off the track, and due to improper installation do not line up to close properly." Ring said at times they take up to half an hour to close and some times they need to be boarded up.

There are approximately 20-25 physically disabled persons on this campus and about half of them are commuters, said Monica Roth, coordinator of the Disabled Student Program.

Roth said, the exterior sliding doors will be some improvement for the disabled, now they "can come in out of the rain, sleet and snow, into the vestibule, hopefully, someone will hold the interior door open."

Until the doors are in working order, which should be in about 10 days, according to Gerstel, there is some difficulty getting in some buildings when a class is coming out.

"I have class in Harriman Hall and with one door it is very inconvenient when I am trying to rush to my class," said Munish Gupta, a 20-year-old sophomore.

Fein agreed with Gupta, adding, "until the doors are working properly the situation is worse than it was before," said Fein.

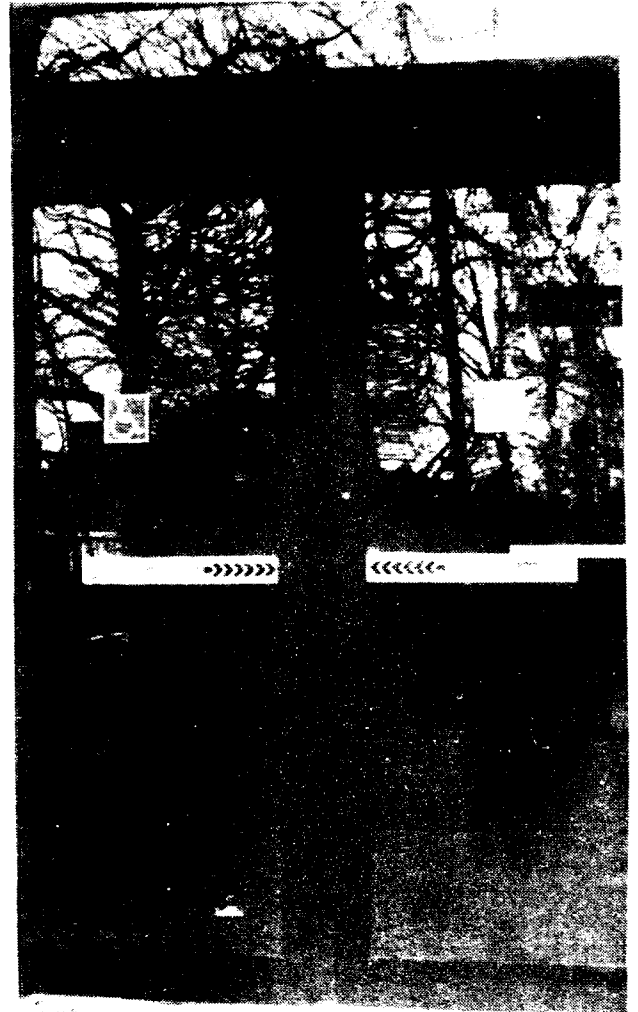
The doors were installed to comply with a 1978 law, said Roth.

She added, "every building has to be accessible...this was a nice way to make it accessible." However, "in some areas it is not possible due to structural problems," she said. "We originally asked for 20 doors."

The Office of the Disabled had some input as to where the doors were going to be installed, said Roth. If and when more money becomes available, sliders would be installed in Psychology A and B, Central Hall and on the second floor of the Administration Building, said Roth, adding the manufacturer has gone out of business.

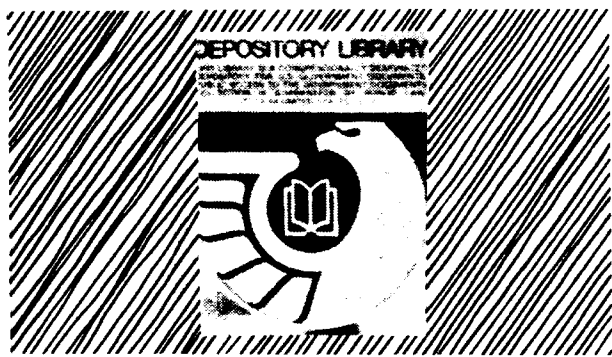
Originally the main door of Javits was going to be equipped with a slider, but it was changed because it might break due to heavy volume, said Jeannie Waters, a disabled student.

Roth wants to stress the fact that the doors were installed for handicapped persons. "If students fool around with the doors it will make it more difficult for the disabled."



Statesman: Carolyn Mollo

Automatic doors in the Union that are not working properly.



Statesman/Rob Gentile

SB Depository In 25th Year

by David Avitabile

Stony Brook celebrated its 25th year as a federal depository library at a breakfast Monday morning attended by university officials, local legislators, and members of the press.

The university library was designated a federal documents depository in 1963 by congressman Otis Pike and has become the largest of its kind on Long Island. Over a half

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Workers Oppose Uniform Plan

By Amella Sheldon

The custodial and maintenance workers on campus have worn their own clothes to work for many years and are opposed to Physical Plant officials' recent proposal to make uniforms mandatory for all employees in those departments, according to CSEA Union representatives.

The physical plant has offered to pay for the uniforms, according to Rob Crowell, assistant director of the Academic Physical Plant, who estimated the cost to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The number of uniforms supplied to each employee and the exact cost of them will be determined within several weeks, according to Crowell.

The employees are against the move, arguing that money should be spent on equipment and supplies, considering the university is operating on an austerity budget, according to Tony Ruggiero, local union president of Civil Service Employees Association.

"Thirty thousand dollars is an exorbitant amount of money," said Ruggiero of the amount he estimated for the uniforms. Crowell said the \$30,000 estimate for the uniforms was too high.

The final decision on whether uniforms will be mandated "when the issue is resolved between CSEA, management and employees," said Crowell. Having met twice in January, members of all three groups will have one more meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss the proposal

again, said Crowell.

"This isn't something that management is forcing on employees," said Crowell, who added that if the employees come up with sufficient reasons why uniforms should not be worn, Physical Plant officials will listen to them.

The uniforms will lend a more professional appearance to the maintenance and custodial staff, said Crowell, adding "the suggestion [for uniforms] has come up in the past but we didn't have the funds for it, now it looks like we do."

"They want to help people and help them pay for clothes, but they don't mind wearing their own clothes," said Ruggiero. The uniforms will make it easy to identify custodial and maintenance staff, but will be one more unneeded rule that the administration would like to enforce, Ruggiero said.

The employees are opposed to the idea that they might be fined if they do not comply to the proposed rule, said Ruggiero. Also, the workers are concerned that the number of uniforms that are issued to them will not be sufficient, said Ruggiero.

Three uniforms for each employee "was a realistic number," for the amount of money that has been allotted to pay for them, said Crowell, who added that some people may have to change their laundry habits to clean the uniforms. If the final decision is to go with uniforms, they will be mandatory for all employees all the time, said Crowell.

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By The College Press Service

The liberal arts faculty at Mercer University's Macon, Ga. campus and the student government at the university's Atlanta campus have demanded that R. Kirby Godsey, the university's president, resign.

The demands for Godsey's resignation were prompted by reports that Mercer had amassed a \$10 million debt during the past five years and faced an additional \$4-to-\$6 million deficit this year.

In January, the Georgia Baptist Convention, which is investigating the university's finances, charged that Mercer's trustees had refused to release financial records. The

convention supplied Mercer with more than \$2 million of its \$89 million budget this year.

When the financial problems were first disclosed, the liberal arts faculties at both campuses passed votes of "no confidence" in Godsey's leadership, and a trustees committee began an investigation of the university's finances. The trustees also hired an accounting firm to conduct an audit.

Speculation about possible faculty layoffs and cuts in programs have led to unrest among students and faculty members on both campuses, a university spokeswoman said.

Library Has Anniversary

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million documents in printed form or on microfilm as well as more than 100,000 maps are contained in a special collection area open to the public.

"It is our commitment to make these materials freely available to those who wish to view them," said Director of Library Services Jack Smith.

According to New York State congressman George Hochbrueckner, the federal government initiated the Federal depository library program in 1857, making U.S. Government documents easily available to the general public.

The Presidential Commission Report on the Challenger Accident, congressional

records, and census statistics were on display at the celebration as examples of what can be found in the federal documents section of the library.

University President John Marburger accepted a plaque from the Federal Printing Office marking Stony Brook's 25th year as a Federal depository library. Marburger said that the federal collection has a special meaning for him. According to Marburger, his first publication, a study of the thermoelectric properties of lead telluride, a compound used in photoconductors, is part of the federal documents collection.

"That was published in 1963, Stony Brook's first year as a Federal documents depository," Marburger said.



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Campus Leaders Publicize Racial Tension

By The College Press Service

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The presidents of Wesleyan University in Connecticut and Middlebury College in Vermont sent extraordinary letters to their students and alumni, talking about how they would like to end racial tensions within the academia.

The American Council on Education (ACE), the Washington, D.C. based group to which all college presidents around the country belong, published a handbook advising campuses how to deal more readily with racial problems at their schools. They need the help.

"We still don't understand the extent of

the problem," said Joan Weiss of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence.

The "problem," however, has not been hard to spot.

Anti-black student posters have shown up at Stanford, white students attacked a black classmate at the State University of New York at Brockport and other racial conflicts have arisen during the 1988-89 school year at Northern Illinois, Northwest Missouri State and Columbia universities and the Universities of North Dakota, Wisconsin and Mississippi.

In recent years, conflicts have erupted at Tompkins-Cortland Community College in New York, Rodgers State and Rambo colleges, Penn State, Dartmouth and the Universities of Massachusetts, Michigan,

California-Berkeley and Maryland, to name a few.

As Wesleyan President William Chance put it in a lyrical January 16 letter to all his students, "Hatreds have surfaced, racial animosity has grown hot, anger and resentment have overwhelmed reason."

"Good" college and university communi-

ties in this country have experienced very bad, sick moments," Chance wrote.

College presidents often have been surprised by the crisis, and unsure of how to respond to it. The ACE book, called "Minorities on Campus: A Handbook for Enhancing Diversity," is designed to suggest what presidents can do to prevent the conflicts.

Students Lack Humanities

By The College Press Service

After five years of trying to expose more students to the humanities, "many" students are still graduating with just the barest knowledge of the liberal arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities contended Jan. 30.

"One would have hoped that all the concern about curriculum would have resulted in more," said Lynn Cheney of the organization, which sponsored a survey of college graduation requirements nationwide.

Almost four out of every 10 colleges will let students graduate without ever taking a history course, Cheney reported.

Nearly 45 percent of the nation's colleges don't make students take English or American Literature classes, Cheney said, while 62

percent don't require philosophy and 77 percent don't require foreign languages.

To graduate, today's student has to take an average of only 1.5 more hours of humanities courses than did students in 1983-84, an increase of 6.2 percent. On the other hand, students are required to take a lot more math and science than they were five years ago, the NEH survey showed.

The student who in 1983 would have gotten by with two credit hours of math now has to take 2.5 hours, a 24 percent increase.

"There's been such emphasis and such effort in the past five years to try to restore form and substance to undergraduate requirements," Cheney said. "I don't mean to suggest colleges are not trying. What this survey shows is how hard it is."

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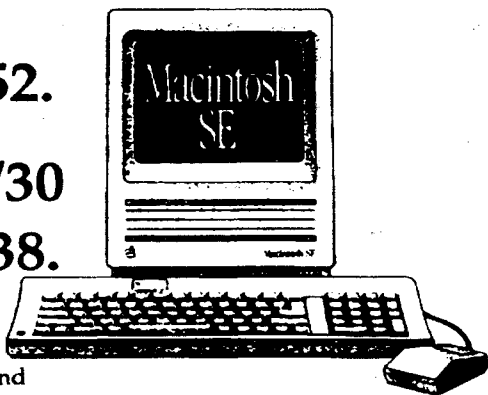
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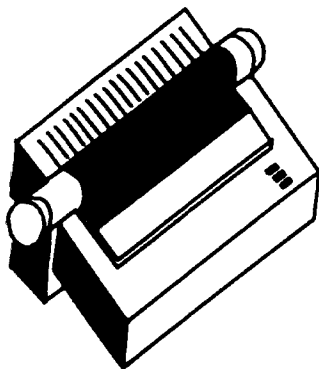
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Uniforms for Workers Would Be Wasteful

The physical plant officials' proposal to uniform all maintenance and custodial workers on campus is not timely. The campus is facing dire budget cuts and should not even consider such cosmetic changes now.

The Physical Plant's offer to pay for the uniforms is generous, but definitely not logical. The CSEA Union and workers are right to protest this idea. The custodians and maintenance workers have worn their own clothes for years now. As long as one fourth of SUNY Stony Brook's staff is in danger of losing their jobs, the Physical Plant should not buy uniforms that are not wanted.

The amount of money to be spent on this proposed plan is irrelevant. Any amount of money going to something that is not completely necessary now is not just poorly spent, but irresponsibly spent. Although the cost of the uniforms might amount to only a tiny fraction of the cuts that Stony Brook might incur, they should not be purchased. Even if the money for uniforms is equal to just one person's salary for one year, keep the person.

There might be justification for the Physical Plant Administration to give uniforms to the residence custodial and maintenance staff for security reasons. But this blanket uniforming of all employees is completely uncalled for.

The university administration, speaking of layoffs and tuition hikes, is preparing the campus community for the worst possible 1989 monetary scenario. When this is mixed with the suggestion of spending money on things that are not needed, it causes people to doubt and resent the administration's decisions.

The workers and union people questioning and protesting this proposal by the administration should be taken as an example for the rest of us. The decisions of the administration should not be blindly trusted. Students, faculty and staff should listen closely to every-

thing that is being removed or added to the university's expenditures and voice their disapproval when judgement is faulty. It could be your money or your position that is sacrificed for the next case of unwanted, unneeded items.



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U.S. Media Have Not Told Facts of Abortion

By Sergio Perez

Last week's editorial in *Statesman* defending legalized abortion brought to light a very important fact: the media have completely failed the American people in informing them of the facts dealing with abortion.

This failure seems a purposeful cover-up when viewed against the fact that abortion is a 500-million-dollar-a-year industry with probable links to organized crime. Sound far-fetched? Read on and see how much information has been withheld.

The National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NARAL), an organization dedicated to the legalization of abortion before the Supreme Court legalized it in 1973, purposely lied to the public to shift public opinion in their favor. Figures cited by NARAL for deaths due to illegal abortions ("coathanger" and "back-alley") were in the thousands per year, but according to the National Center for Health Statistics, the number of women who died in the year before abortion was legalized is 39.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a former abortionist who fought for the legalization of abortion, said in his book: "How many deaths were we talking about when abortion was illegal? In NARAL it was always 5,000 to 10,000 deaths per year. I con-

fess that I knew the figures were totally false, and I suppose the others did too if they stopped to think about it. But in the 'morality' of our revolution it was a useful figure...the overriding concern was to get the laws eliminated, and anything within reason that had to be done was permissible."

Another well-kept secret seems to be up to what point abortions are legal. Most people think it's somewhere around three months, but actually, the only real restriction is that after five months the pregnant woman must get one physician to certify the abortion is necessary for the women's health. The catch is in the interpretation which has been given to "health." "Health" includes a broad range of social and economic problems. An expectant mother can go to a doctor at any point in her pregnancy, say she is emotionally distraught, and have the baby aborted.

Chief Justice Warren Burger, one of the Supreme Court members who legalized abortion, now writes, "...I regretfully conclude that some of the concerns I expressed in my separate concurrence, have now been realized...We have apparently passed the point at which abortion is available merely on demand."

One of the most distressing facts that has been withheld from the public is the

pain felt by a baby during an abortion. In a letter to President Reagan signed by 25 medical doctors, Dr. V. Vollins, Professor of Anesthesiology at Northwestern University, wrote "over the last eighteen years, real time ultrasonography, fetoscopy, study of the fetal EKG (electrocardiogram) and fetal EEG (electroencephalogram) have demonstrated the remarkable responsiveness of the human fetus to pain, touch and sound..." Quoting a physician who regularly performed abortions, Dr. Collins writes, "when you inject the saline (saline solution used in one type of abortion procedure), you often see an increase in fetal movements, it's horrible."

Abortion procedures are barbaric: in one method for late pregnancies the abortionist inserts a pliers-like instrument into the uterus and grabs a part of the baby - an arm or a leg, and with a twisting motion tears it from the baby's body. This is done again and again until the baby is completely removed.

TV stations have shown numerous medical operations, but to my knowledge an abortion have never been shown. Having seen a video-tape of an abortion being performed I feel I can safely say that with the possible exception of rape, there is no greater assault to a women's femininity. The horror of seeing the baby's mutilated parts flowing through a suction tube as the abortionist thrusts an instrument into the women's uterus defies description.

The media have done nothing to dispel the myths surrounding the so-called social effects of abortion - specifically that to stop legalized abortion will result in overpopulation, homelessness, and children living in misery. The facts are that the U.S. birth rate is below the replacement level, that is, 2.1 children per family in order for the population to remain constant. Currently the birth rate is at about 1.8 children per family. The declining birth rate has serious implica-

tions - among them an increase in the number of old people. Where in 1980 there were 3.5 working people per retired person, in the year 2040, at current death and birth rates, there will be 1.5 workers per retired person. This means social security will be hard-pressed to give any benefits to the elderly which by the way will be the students now reading this column. Also, there has been no conclusive proof that children who might have been aborted will not grow up to be well-adjusted, contributing members to society.

The media have also done little to educate the public on just how human a fetus really is. For example, the heart is beating before the baby is three weeks old with a blood type different from its mother, brain waves have been recorded at about 6 weeks, and all the baby's body systems are working in 11 weeks; the baby then weighs about an ounce. The baby can then grow for another two and a quarter months and still be killed without any restriction at 20 weeks.

Where have the media been when it comes to informing the public? How can such atrocities be allowed to continue in numbers of over 1.5 million per year, over 150,000 abortions being late term (past 3 months)?

One could suspect a conspiracy - that the dollars of the abortionist doctors and the mob are being used to buy newspapermen and politicians. I have no proof of such a cover-up, but the cloud which surrounds the fact in this issue is remarkable. Certainly, many members of the media (and the clergy for that matter) simply do not know the magnitude of the horror of abortion.

Do you know abortions are done at University Hospital in Stony Brook? If the media are failing us, then it's our job to spread the truth.

(The writer is a graduate student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.)

Continuing Argument Has Flawed Reasoning

By Alex Varsany

Communists are special people. They demand freedom of speech for themselves living under "bourgeois" democracy, while they deny the same for any other views when they take power.

In the February 9th edition of *Statesman*, Mitch Cohen, of Red Balloon Fame, wrote an article about the lack of political freedom in the United States. He argues that this country is not much different from the Soviet Union or South Africa as far as political oppression is concerned. Characteristically, he only complains about imprisonments of left-wing protesters. I could not find any examples of "injustices" against the radical right in his long and tedious article.

I don't dispute the basic validity of Mitch's argument. I, too believe there are people in this country who are jailed for their political beliefs, both on the left and on the right. It is inevitable as long as human beings and not gods write and administer the law. A totally fair justice system exists only in Utopia. What I wonder is, do we need Marxist-Leninists to teach us how to run a democracy?

I hate to ridicule Mitch's examples, however absurd they are. "Destroying nuclear missiles in their silos," "Hammering out justice on Tomahawk launches," or "tearing up railroad tracks" are NOT legitimate forms of free speech. At least not in my book! I believe there should be room for dissent in a free society and people should not be imprisoned for expressing it. My question is, do we really want the ideological comrades of Stalin, Mao, and Pol Pot lecture us on human rights? Personally, I'd sooner let the Ayatollah Khomeini safeguard my freedom of religion, than have the Communist Party guarantee my freedom of speech.

Extremists are in a precarious situation in Western democracies. On the one

hand, they demand freedom for their political activities but, because they have no hope of gaining power by legitimate means, they must espouse "revolutionary violence." They object to any limiting of their civil rights by the state, but they are the first to accept violence as a way of gaining and maintaining political power.

Radicals don't want to improve society; they just want to change it. And here lies their major dilemma. By pointing out injustices, they might help to improve the system. The better democratic capitalism gets, the less effective their revolutionary propaganda becomes. Extremists want--they need--a little repression to point their finger to, but not enough to get those fingers burned.

The extreme Left and the extreme Right are even more wary of each other than of the capitalist state they both try to destroy. Communists and Fascists can be both tolerated in a stable democracy, but there is no way they can tolerate each other. Alliance to the idea of "dictatorship of the proletariat" on the one hand, and of "purity of the race" on the other, are mutually exclusive. You can only fit one predatory doctrine into a single mind. Red flags and white sheets don't mix.

So it is understandable that we don't find a single example of "unjust" persecution of the KKK, or the Association of the Advancement of the White People, or even Lyndon LaRouche's lunatic crowd (whose leader is currently serving a 15 year sentence for practicing "free speech"--he lied on his tax return) in Cohen's extensive list of violations of "freedom of expression." The author promises further installments, and I bet you a Sickle and Hammer against a Swastika, we'll get them whether we ask for them or not.

(The writer is a returning student, born in Hungary.)

LETTERS

RoIm Aid

To the Editor:

Since the new RoIm Phone system was installed in the residence halls last semester, many students have found it difficult to make a simple phone call.

There are problems with the billing, there are problems with the literature about the billing and the system, and there are problems with the system itself. So why isn't there someone making the administration recognize these problems and why is no one is concerned with how the students are affected by the solutions to these problems?

The Student Polity RoIm Phone Review Committee is doing so. Formed last semester to bring these problems to light, we have been and will continue to address the administration on the practical, ethical, and legal implications of this phone system.

Last semester the committee was instrumental in voicing the students

opinions and complaints about the newly-installed RoIm system. Now that most of the physical and technical problems with the phone system are fixed, or soon to be fixed, and the system will work the way administration had intended it to, the committee has focused on the principles of the system. We are now investigating whether or not it's current functioning status adequately meets the students' needs and rights.

Look for the booklet concerning problems we have overcome and still need to be addressed. Student input is always needed and welcome. Please come to our meetings and let your voices be heard.

The Student Polity RoIm Phone Committee, meets Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the Student Polity Association Suite Conference Room

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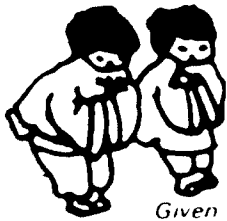
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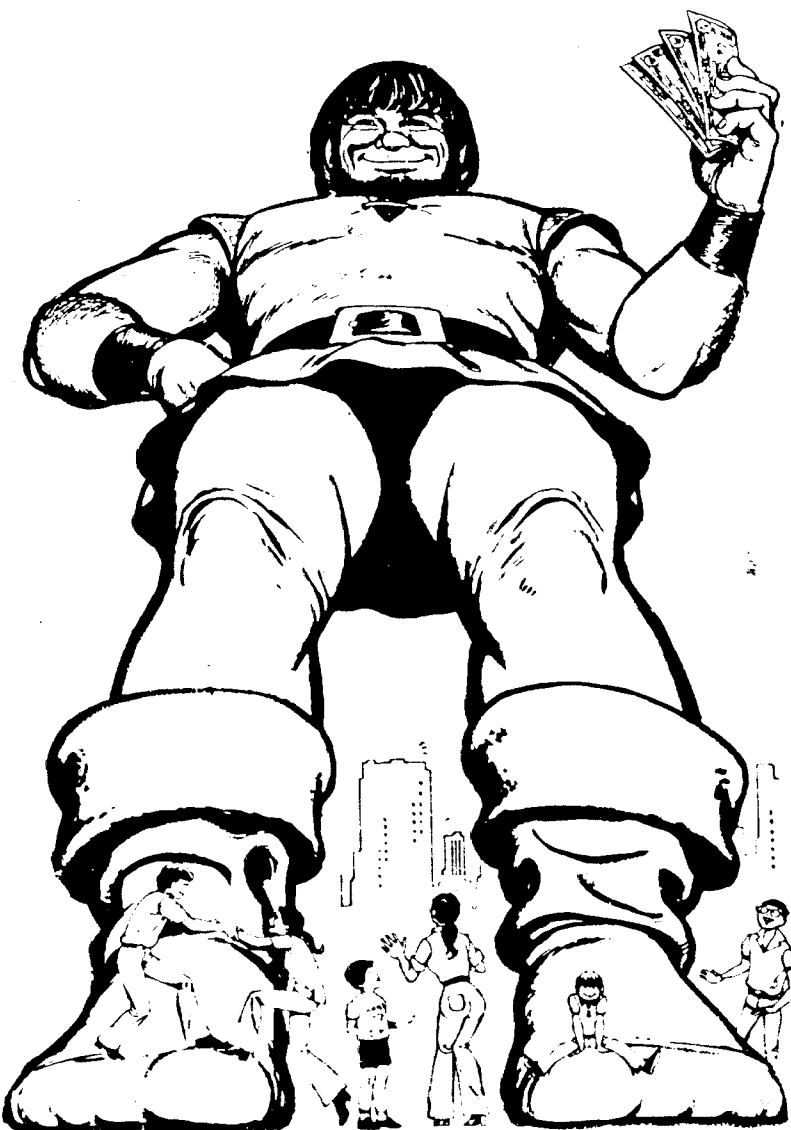
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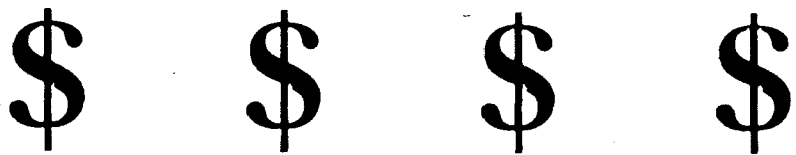
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Pats Playoff Hopes Still Alive

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went 8-for-13 from the field, scored 22 points and had 5 rebounds.

With two games remaining, the Patriots (13-11) are still hoping for an ECAC playoff berth. They host a strong opponent tonight — New Jersey Tech., which has beaten USM-MMA this season — and the game's outcome may well determine the Pats' post-season fate.

"We still have a shot at the playoffs," said Atkinson. "I don't know what it's going to take to get us in but obviously we'd like to beat [New Jersey Tech.]"

PATRIOT NOTES . . . Usually sweet-

shooting Bill Pallone had a poor night, making only 4 of his 18 field-goal attempts . . . Pallone attempts an average of 17.2 shots per game. Hayn averages 13.9. No other Patriot has an average as high as 8.0 . . . Mariner Jim Trimble had 15 first-half points . . . many of the males in the crowd were clad in Merchant Marine uniforms . . . Patriot coaches agreed that this was the loudest opposing crowd that they have encountered this season . . . there will be a Patriot alumni game at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Current Patriot head coach Joe Castigle and last year's stars Scott Walker and Tom Blumbergs will be among the participants.

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USMMA Too Much For Pats

By Kostya Kennedy

The Patriots traveled to Kings Point on Tuesday and played the hottest team on Long Island, the USMMA Mariners. The Mariners form a cohesive, confident bunch of basketball players which is on its way to the NCAA playoffs. The team sports a record of 22-2, and it was no surprise when they defeated Stony Brook 80-68 to close out the first undefeated (11-0) home season in Mariner history. The assignment was just too tough for the Patriots to handle.

"They're a good team," said Patriot assistant coach Mike Atkinson. "They do everything well. They play well inside and outside, they pass well, they hit their shots and they make their free throws. We came up a little bit short in each of those facets of the game and that's why it ended up as a 12-point [loss]."

The Patriots fell behind 21-14 midway through the first half, but then rallied nicely to take a 30-27 lead with 6:25 to play. Charwin Agard hit three key baskets in that span. Agard, who had 18 points in Saturday's win over Oneonta State and 10 on Tuesday, is a wiry sophomore who has suddenly burst into the Patriot offense. He looked exceedingly confident against the Mariners, scoring from the outside and from the paint, and crashing both boards.

The Patriots actually played USMMA quite evenly in the first stanza, and it was only a pair of late steals that provided the home team with its 44-38 halftime cushion.

The Mariners scored the first four points of the second half, putting the Patriots down by 10 and inciting a stretch of aggressive Stony Brook defense. The Pats broke up several Mariner passes, and steals by Stan Martin and Yves Simon gave the Patriot offense a chance to get back in the game. But the baskets wouldn't fall and the Pats were ultimately felled by their continual nemesis — poor shooting — as they made only 28.2% of their second-half shots.

Stony Brook did manage to creep within 5 points, 54-49,



Charwin Agard (No. 33) has come to life offensively of late.

but Mariner star Kevin D'arcy (26 points) scored four quick points to keep the Pats at bay.

If not for an impressive performance by Steve Hayn, the Pats wouldn't have stayed close for as long as they did. Hayn

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SB Hosts Soccer Tourney

Special to Statesman

On Sunday February 26th, the Lady Patriots will host an indoor soccer tournament in the University Gymnasium.

The eight team tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude about 6 p.m. Adelphi, Southampton, Rutgers, Monmouth, Yale, St. John's, and Nassau will all participate in the event. During the first round of play, each team will face every other team in its division. Points will be awarded on the basis of a win, loss or tie, and also for goals scored. Division standings will then be determined for the second round of play, which will be a single elimination tournament.

Coach Sue Ryan commented on the tournament: "What makes the tournament so exciting is the fact that any team could play well for a day and win it. Fatigue will definitely be a factor, and it may come down to the team that has trained the hardest. It will be a very close and competitive field of play."

Each game will consist of two 12 minute halves. Stony Brook opens the tournament with the 8 a.m. game against Adelphi, and then plays St. John's at 9 a.m. and Rutgers at 1 p.m. later that day.

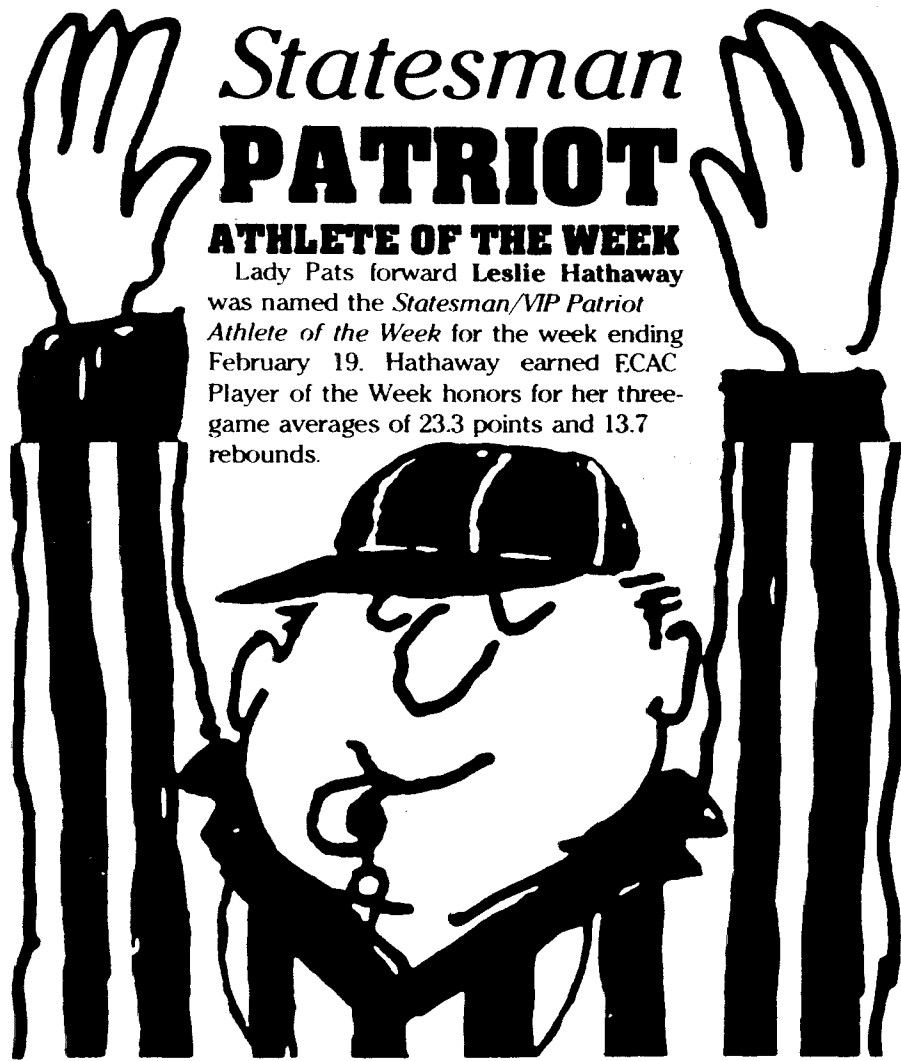
Although there is no clear-cut favorite to win the tournament, Coach Ryan feels that the two New Jersey teams and St. John's have the potential to take it all. "They (Rutgers and Monmouth) are both Division I scholarship programs that had successful Fall seasons, and last month St. John's won the Farmingdale Tournament."

To win the tournament, a team would have to play a total of six games in just one day. Goalkeeper Coach Gina Burrows summed it up by saying "we are looking forward to some good competition."

Statesman PATRIOT

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lady Pats forward Leslie Hathaway was named the Statesman/VIP Patriot Athlete of the Week for the week ending February 19. Hathaway earned ECAC Player of the Week honors for her three-game averages of 23.3 points and 13.7 rebounds.



Tyson Strong Favorite

By Eddie Reaven

Question: Has there been a British World Heavyweight Champion this century?
Answer: NO.

Question: Will there be after Feb 25th?
Answer: NO.

Frank Bruno, the British Heavyweight Champion, appears to have everything he needs to beat Mike Tyson, the Heavyweight Champion of the world, in Las Vegas on Saturday. Everything except five guys to hold Tyson while he hits him.

The 6-3 1/2, 230-pound Bruno is an excellent fighter in his own right, but it will take more than excellence to defeat the almost legendary Tyson. It will take no mistakes from Bruno, and plenty from Tyson.

Bruno, one of the world's nicest guys and almost too nice to be in boxing, is quick although his punches are quite slow. Tyson could easily take advantage of this because Bruno has a habit of dropping his hands after throwing a punch. One drop too many, and Bruno's hands aren't the only things that will go down.

The controversy over this Tyson fight is not about Robin Givens, or Ruth Roper, Tyson's infamous mother-in-law, or Kevin Rooney, his ex-trainer, but about Tyson himself. Tyson was quoted as saying as he left to go to divorce proceedings, "I haven't trained

as much for this fight as I have in others, but I've trained enough for Bruno." This seems a cocky manner for Tyson to talk about a champion as Bruno is, and this could be his downfall. Bruno is not someone to be taken lightly, and personally, I hope he gives Tyson the beating he deserves.

Both fighters come into the fight after long layoffs, with Tyson's last bout coming against Michael Spinks in that 91-second massacre on June 27, 1988, and Bruno's against the mighty Joe Bugner on Oct 25, 1987. There is a comparison between the two in the fighters they both have gone up against. Bruno has only two defeats, one coming at the hands of then-WBA Champ Tim Witherspoon, and the other by "Bonecrusher" Smith, both of whom were handily beaten by the undefeated Tyson.

If there is one thing Bruno has going for him, it's brains. As one of the most educated men in the sport, he shows compassion for opponents in winning and good sportsmanship in losing. Frank Bruno as world heavyweight champion would be a big plus for boxing, but as much as I would like to see it, I don't think it will happen. Unless he catches Tyson off guard, a draw is the best Bruno can expect to come away with. With the odds at 7 1/2 to 1 in favor of Tyson, and 6 to 5 Bruno doesn't last four rounds, my prediction is Tyson by a decision.

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