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Changes in store for medical school

By Joanne Rooney

Not so long ago, the Stony Brook Medical School opened its doors to medical students who would become the doctors and researchers of the new generation.

Now it's 20 years later, and the large lecture halls that echoed professors and lecturers' booming voices will be gathering dust in September, if all goes as planned.

All students, whether returning or incoming, will bypass the large lecture hall for smaller rooms with fewer students and more faculty.

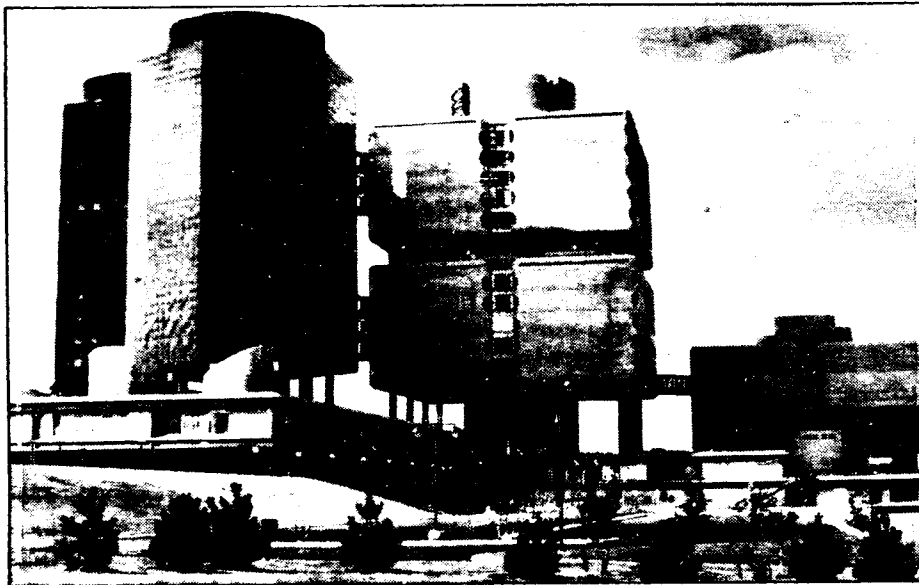
Frederick Miller, professor and chair of the Pathology Department, said two ideas encouraged the change.

"One reason is that there has been an influx of information due to scientific advances in the medical field over the last 20 years, but the length of medical school is the same," said Miller. "We need to edit the information so that the students can deal with it.

"Another reason is the large amount of material given to students to learn during the lecture. There were days when students would come in at 8 or 9 a.m. and sit in a lecture hall for maybe five or six hours, and not only the students but the faculty came to the understanding that the intake after about three hours isn't so wonderful."

According to Miller, the students will be taking fewer courses so the problem of information overload and overlapping information will be minimized.

"More time will also be available to students that had been lecture time. They will



University Hospital

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have that time to use as they wish," said Miller. "We will try to transmit the material in a very effective manner by using modern teaching devices such as computer-assisted instruction and videotapes."

Dawn Ventura is a second-year medical student who believes the changes are positive. "I think it's a great idea because when you spend many hours in a lecture hall, it creates too much of a passive environment and it's hard to stay enthusiastic. I also think it will be much more exciting than sitting in a lecture hall for three or more hours."

Miller said the committee plans on limit-

ing the number of lecture hours to five and stressing small group instruction and problem solving instead.

"The revisions will also have a great impact on the faculty since the present faculty-to-student ratio of 1:100 will be changing to a ratio of six faculty members for an estimated 16 or 17 students," said Miller. "We are going to need about five times as much faculty time and you have to realize faculty are doing research and they're involved in taking care of patients, so they're going to have to work a little harder."

Miller said it will be in their best interest to

participate since faculty will be rewarded like they are for the outstanding research they do in laboratories.

"The promotions committee and the dean," he said, "are going to reward them by promotion from assistant professor to associate professor for doing a comparable excellent job in teaching."

Stony Brook Medical School is not the first to change its curriculum. What Miller describes as small-group instruction is commonly known as Problem-Based Learning, in which students learn through their own efforts rather than from lectures.

"A group of students will be presented with a clinical problem," said Miller, "and then the students will have to go out and read, speak to faculty, watch videotapes, gather information and discuss it among themselves."

According to Miller, there will be fewer exams because there will be fewer courses. He hopes tools for student evaluation will be more varied than they were in the past.

"You have to be careful when you do these major changes that you don't rock the boat," said Miller. "Our curriculum hasn't changed since the medical school was founded. It's been static for 15 or 20 years. It's like the whole faculty saying 'Let's stop it and look where we are.' And that's what we just did. It was a large self-evaluation. We would like to think that we are able to make better doctors."

"I think the students are very enthusiastic about it. There is input from the student evaluations in every course, as well as three student representatives on the curriculum committee, so we know how the students feel. A lot of changes will be made because students have a strong feeling about something."

"We try not to encourage a competitive atmosphere, but a cooperative atmosphere. We're sure it's going to work."

Arthur Grollman, chairman of the Pharmacology Department, said some students memorize transcripts of lectures rather than going to class.

"It's not really a good way to learn information," said Grollman. "I think the move from a lecture format to smaller classes is a good one, and that computerized instruction as a component won't replace learning, but it will be a useful adjunct."

Grollman finds some flaws in the new curriculum as well. "I do think the integration of subjects has gone too far," he said. "Certain things can be integrated, but you cannot

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Issues faced in University Senate

By Robert Allen

The last University Senate meeting of the semester was held on Monday. Senate President Norman Goodman opened the meeting with a brief overview of the agenda and then introduced fellow senate representatives to give their reports on various campus-related topics.

Tilden Edelstein read the report from the provost, in which he mentioned new leadership positions that have been filled. Alexander H. King, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, accepted the position of Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. Professor Patrick Heelan of the Department of Philosophy accepted appointment as acting Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts. Edelstein went on to comment about other committees. He said,

"Search Committees for Vice Provost for research, the vice provost for undergraduate studies, and the Dean for international programs are progressing."

Edelstein continued by naming some new programs for 1990. In the fall of 1990 there will be a masters degree program for secondary school mathematics teachers that Stony Brook will be offering jointly with the State University College at Old Westbury.

After the provost report, Joan Moos gave her report from the Executive Committee and the SUNY Faculty Senate. She listed the various items that were either passed or vetoed by the SUNY Faculty Senate. The first item discussed was the SUNY tuition hike. The report contained evidence of a tuition increase. It stated, "To avoid program reduction, diminished student access and erosion

of quality, a modest increase in tuition may be appropriate provided that revenues resulting from such an increase not be used to reduce state appropriation by an equivalent amount." The SUNY Faculty Senate endorsed the executive committee's statement.

Moos continued by confirming that the SUNY Senate had unanimously passed a resolution on curriculum integration that would allow for more scholarships to minorities.

President John Marburger spoke briefly on the parking fee. He said the state is going to increase costs to Stony Brook. The budget gap will now have to be made up by Stony Brook and it is not quite clear yet how this money will be collected.

Athletes & Coaches of the Year

SPORTS

Talent show and lobster bite at SB

By Martha L. Ferreira

The Faculty Student Association (FSA) and Polity made Stony Brook students "Lobster happy" at the third annual Lobster Bite held on Tuesday.

The tradition of the Lobster Bite started three years ago. It was proposed by Polity, in hopes of encouraging interaction between faculty and the student community. With this in mind, a talent show was added to the menu for SB students to enjoy, according to the prime coordinator behind this year's event, Polity Vice President Dan Slepian.

The talent show consisted of 13 acts. Third place received \$100, second place \$200, and first place won \$300. The judges who were called upon this year were: Pat Spina, Stress Alteris, Woolani Stevens, Tom Pye, Scott Levine and Lee Montes. FSA supplied the prize money and Polity funded the staging and the audio-visual.

Among the contestants were Professor Lenny Pinna and his Theatre 110 class who did a lip sync to "Pressure," by Billy Joel. When asked what they would do with the money awarded, they said, "We'll donate it to charity." Fourth place went to junior Erna Metayer, a SB Gospel Choir member, who sang "Eternal Flame." Though she never had any voice lessons, she "loves to compete and enjoys doing so for the fun of it."

Third place went to Danny Dunn, who was unavailable for comment. Second place went to junior Tom Hammel, who sang "Against All Odds" as the crowd cheered. Hammel is a Liberal Arts major who claims that he simply has "a love for singing." He has sung for a classical church choir for ten years.

First place went to senior Gerald Latham, who sang "You Want My Love." Latham is a

Liberal Arts major and feels that his voice is "a gift from God." Among the places he has performed before are: The Tunnel, Zanzibar and Sweet Waters. Moreover, Latham plans to continue his singing after graduation. "I've been singing all my life and it's something I'd like to pursue professionally," he said.

When asked what he would do with his prize money, Latham said, "I'd like to buy my school ring and also get graduation tickets for my family."

In comparison to last year's Lobster Bite, the attendance this year was greater, according to Slepian. "All in all, it was a great turnout and it will become a great tradition."

An estimated 3,000 students passed through the waiting lines according to Pat Spina, Director of Cash Operations at DAKA. "Everything went well," she said. She then stressed that this year's event involved intense planning, with the primary concern being "to get all the kids fed quickly."

The Director of the Tree House Cafe, witnessed satisfaction among the students. "A lot of students were coming up for seconds - some even willing to pay extra for it."

When students were asked why they attended the event, the majority replied "for the food!"

Despite the fact that there were flyers around campus mentioning the talent show, many students claimed they didn't even know about the show until the last minute. Junior Jim Jordan said, "I didn't know about the show but it was a nice surprise and it was nice to see another side to DAKA."

This year's menu consisted of sour cream and potatoes, vegetable kabobs, corn-on-the-cob, choice of lobster or steak, and ice-cream and soda. One student said, "It's a

miraculous alternative to the sandwiches I always eat."

Junior Paul Recchia who attended the Lobster Bite last year said, this year "was a lot better than last year, a band played most of the time and it got dull." He also said, last year there weren't enough lobster openers around. "The students were using their soda cans to open lobsters."

Robert Stein, manager of Roth Cafeteria, has worked for DAKA for five years and this was the third Lobster Bite he has been involved with. He noted Tuesday's event as "a success" in comparison to last year. In his view, the success of such an event relies on "people (workers) knowing what they're



Statesman/Coney Cinco
Gerald Latham (left), talent show winner

supposed to do."

This year, there were four lines for students to wait on. Although there were more workers put out by DAKA this year, senior Helen Karkulas felt the lines were still "too long." She said, "My suitemates waited on line for 40 minutes, but I didn't. I cut the line."

Medical school changes

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integrate everything because it becomes counterproductive. I also feel they didn't go far enough in freeing up time for the students. It's about a seven percent reduction. It should be reduced 30 percent."

William Vanderkloot, a professor in the Physiology Department, teaches a course in gross anatomy that has been revised from the original 180 or more lecture hours to 150.

"I happen to be tremendously supportive of small group sessions," said Vanderkloot. "The only objection I have to the revision is the decrease in the number of hours that the gross anatomy course will be taught. It would have been easier if I had been given 180 hours, but I think there are ways to cut the material down. Actually, I might be plea-

santly surprised with 150 hours."

Second-year Stony Brook medical student Athena Zias is a member of the curriculum committee that has worked on the revisions. "There wasn't a lot of student feedback, but overall I think the students on the committee are optimistic about the changes. Based on the small group sessions that we do have now, I think the changes in the curriculum are positive changes. But I want to see more details of it and how it's going to be worked out."

Second-year medical student David Landis said, "I prefer fewer classes because it's easier to learn when the material is integrated. I wish I had experienced the changes on paper. It looks better than what we went through but that's on paper. I think the success of the changes will depend on how well the syllabus is put together and on how the faculty members work together."

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Awards given at HSC for Nurses Day

By Sean Doorly

Nurses were being honored all over the country on Nurses Day, Tuesday, May 8 and the University Hospital was no exception. More than 700 nurses were honored at the tenth annual Nurse Recognition and Awards Ceremony which was held in the Health Science Center.

The ceremony began with a welcome and an introduction by Ventryce Thomas, chairperson of the Nurse Recognition Committee. Thomas said, "We are here to recognize, salute, and say thank you." Pura Pantojas, Deputy Director for Nursing, echoed the sentiment of support and gratitude for the nurses' efforts in her welcoming comments.

William T. Newell, Executive Director, said as the hospital is into its eleventh year, he "looks forward to another decade of accomplishments, growth and development." The nurses are "the very heart" of the University Hospital. The chief operating officer, Sidney Mitchell, said that the hospital has "more to look forward to than ever before," including no mandatory overtime, and an increase in the nurses' salaries.

Lenora McClean, Dean of the School of Nursing, stressed the need to educate the young people of the importance and rewards of nursing as a career.

A proclamation was presented by Edward Romaine, a Suffolk County representative, to the University Hospital declaring May 8 "Nursing Day" in Suffolk County.

The distinguished keynote speaker, Joyce M. Yasko, returned once again this year to share her views on nursing. Yasko is a professor of Oncology Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. She is the

recipient of many awards including Distinguished Nurse of the Year in Pennsylvania, and from Pittsburgh Preview Magazine. She was listed as one of the ten Pittsburgh women to watch.

Yasko said, "Nurses Day is like a wedding day, it causes you to reflect." She spoke of how health care is changing from a service to a business orientation. Yasko sees an ever-increasing trend towards out-patient care in America. She stressed the importance of uniting all forms of nursing: education, research and the actual practice arena. She also said that the established nurses need to act as mentors to the new generation.

Following the keynote address, Thomas announced the nurses honored for Recognition of Certification awards, and special achievement.

Finally, the moment that the nurses had been waiting for arrived; the presentation of the awards. The nurses did not know beforehand who would be awarded. Each unit within the hospital selected an outstanding nurse. Approximately thirty nurses were awarded by their various heads of departments: Cordella Cautheri, Janet Entine, Ventryce Thomas and Laurie Rafkin.

The Nurse of the Year award was presented by Pura Pantojas. Nancy Petrone was the recipient of the largest amount of nominations in the history of the University Hospital. Two representatives of Senator Ceasar Trunzo and James Latt presented a proclamation to Nancy Petrone. County Executive Pat Halpin, who also couldn't attend, had his representative present a proclamation in honor of Nurses Day.



Rep. Edward Romaine presents Proclamation to University Hospital

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TONES OF SEDITION

By Dennis Anderson

"False media, we don't need it, do we?"
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The preceding excerpt from Public Enemy's 1988 hit is a perfect adjective to describe the mainstream media of America. You hear and see news that only they want to give you, no more and no less. Sensationalism is at an all-time high in American newsrooms and style and sizzle sell more than regular heartwarming stories. In observing the press for at least five years, I have noticed that those with more political and economical power are portrayed more favorably in the mass media than those with less. A perfect example of this phenomenon is the comparison between last year's Quincy Troupe rape case and the case of the rape that occurred two weeks ago. When I thought about the two cases I tried to figure out why they were handled differently and I think it is important for the campus as a whole to think about it also.

Quincy Troupe, an Africa-American male student, was accused of raping a white female student last year. When he was accused of this crime the local Long Island news media found out about it before his own family did. Quincy's name and life story became public knowledge before his family was contacted. What makes the situation even worse was that the Suffolk County officers that arrested him approached him to question him about a fight at a party, not the rape, then subsequently informed him that he was being arrested for the rape. The media *Statesman* included, ate up the story with no problem. It sounded like the same old story to them: a black man who was lusting for a white woman. Sensational. The mouths of editors-in-chief in newsrooms across the Island must have been foaming when they heard this.

I condemn the way the papers and radio stations reported this case, but I also have to strike out at the Stony Brook administration for the way they let Suffolk County police officers swoop in and arrest a student without proper evidence. The administration tried to wash its hands completely of the whole incident because this was just a few weeks after the big shootout in Tabler Quad and Stony Brook was beginning to look more like central Los Angeles than suburbia. Quincy's "guilt" was propagated by the press, by administration and by the others who believed the hype fed to them by the press.

Fortunately for Quincy and for African-American males all across the country, everyone finally figured out he was innocent. *Newsday*, the biggest victim of DA HYPE syndrome, printed a microscopic article about Quincy's acquittal near the obituaries. There was no fanfare or big media blowup when this valiant young man overcame adversity, like being suspended from school once being accused of the crime. Did the reporters lose their way to the campus? No, an African-American committing a violent act sells more pears than does one who is squeaky-clean and beats the corrupt judiciary system at its own game.

The case of two weeks ago has been painted on a different canvas. A white female was allegedly raped by a white male. The press had the reports of the incident and reported them immediately, but one thing was missing. According to

reports, the Suffolk County police department had a suspect in mind — but there was no name released. Personally, I am not pushing for this person's name to be released, because I believe in the phrase "innocent until proven guilty." But in contrast to Quincy's incident, it seems as if there is definitely something fishy going on here. After the initial reports, the whole case has been a mystery to the public. Are the charges still being investigated? Is there a suspect? These are probably questions running through people's minds. I would be naive to think that Stony Brook had learned its lesson from last year's incident and just decided to handle it differently. My intuition tells me it goes much deeper than that.

The difference in the way this case is being handled is like the difference between day and night or white and black. For the narrow-minded out there who think African-Americans are always quick to cry racism at the drop of a hat, I would like you to think about the circumstances yourself.

Why was it that Quincy Troupe was left hung out to dry by Stony Brook, the media and the Suffolk County PD, while Suspect A is being protected so well? Maybe Suffolk County thought they had just arrested another poor nigger who was going to cop a plea instead of fight for his rights. Maybe the media knew that white America would be interested to hear about a little black boy being lynched by the "law" because he was accused of desecrating one of their lily-white flowers. Is there a reason why the snoops (a.k.a., news reporters) have not vigorously pursued this story of a possible white-on-white crime?

Another interesting question I have to ask is, Where are the womens' groups while all of this is happening? Last year, I can remember arguing with many women when they found out I was supporting Quincy. They were ready to protest and argue their points back and forth with members of the African-American community in *Statesman* and in other forums. Where are these pro-Women groups now? Have you subscribed to HYPE magazine too? Maybe the case was not publicized enough and only when it is time to hop on the bandwagon and get some publicity do you take a stand. Or could it have something to do with the suspect's skin color? If you are going to partake in HYPE, do not just add to it; create it in a positive way.

In essence, this is not a call for the same swift, irrational treatment of Suspect A that was delivered to Quincy Troupe. This is a call for people to realize what is going on around them. The media is always willing to portray an African-American male as a villain, no matter how glorious his merits are. The justice system is a racist structure which subscribes to the ideas of cronyism and moves quickly to remove blacks from the streets and moves slowly to handle cases against whites. As stated before, some are easily fooled to believe that African Americans are ready to cry RACISM at any instance, but if you look at the facts of these two cases and look at the different ways they have been handled, what else can you call it?

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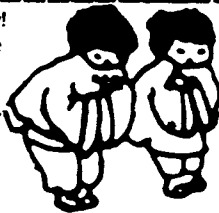
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What a year it has been! In the past ten months, we students have been faced with a wide array of issues. We have been asked to take stands on moral and ethical policies of our University, as well as economic problems in budget cuts, which affect our lives enormously. And worst of all, we have seen violence.

The year began with debate over Coca Cola's role in South Africa. Charges were made by many that Coke financially supports the evil apartheid which exists in that country. Our campus' duty, these students said, was to boycott the company by banning it from campus, thereby symbolically and financially denouncing their actions.

The opposition to the boycott argued that it was against capitalist ideology to ban a product. Also, they disagreed with restricting students' freedom of choice by not allowing the product to be sold.

This debate resulted in a campus referendum which ultimately suggested a Stony Brook ban of Coke products.

Next, we dealt with the ongoing debate over

tuition hikes and budget cuts. A huge budget deficit was reported by Albany, which suggested that funds were needed to fill the gap, or we would lose necessary programs and possibly academic departments. As last year's tuition hike protests stopped Albany's efforts, we restated our firm commitment to affordable education, and won; but only temporarily.

The State's next attempt was to try and fill the budget gap with unrelated funds. This would be in the form of a parking fee, to be levied on those students who park cars on campus. This was poorly received by students with the argument that this was a "back door tuition hike," holding one unrelated group responsible for budget problems.

We rallied against this policy by writing our legislators and otherwise pressuring politicians with our voting power. But due to a forty-day delay in the State's budget, we are still yet to see the outcome of our efforts.

Last semester we witnessed Kelly Quad's disastrous flood, which chased many residents out of their homes. But with Polity's leadership and campus support, a compromise between the administration and the residents was reached. Repairs were made and students were partially reimbursed for the inconvenience.

More recently, the Haitian Student Organization, in protest of the Food and Drug Administration's decision to refuse blood from

anyone of Haitian descent, staged a blood boycott denouncing what many called an unfair and inaccurate policy. The HSO argues that there is no scientific data which proves Haitians are at a higher risk of AIDS than any other group.

The boycott sparked heated debate over the HSO's alleged harassment of potential blood donors. The organization was accused of being irresponsible in endangering blood recipients' lives.

But then, just when we thought we were safe on campus, tragedy struck. A sixteen year-old visitor was allegedly raped in the basement of the gymnasium. This reopened past debate over the recurring rape problem on campus. Women's safety was questioned once again and students on campus became outraged.

Several days later, Arlene Miller was murdered in front of her two year-old daughter. This tragedy brought further debate concerning campus security. Are we safe in our campus community?

Statesman commends those students who have combatted student apathy, a

problem in recent years, by showing a renewed interest in issues which affect us deeply. One can only hope we can continue student participation on an upward trend, while preventing the horrible tragedies which seem to haunt us every year.

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VIEWPOINT

Polity's Year In Review

The following is a speech which was given by Polity President Sorin Abraham at last night's Polity Senate meeting.

This year Polity has taken great leaps toward becoming truly representative of students' interests. Its greatest strength came from the Polity Senate which established an Academic Affairs Committee that will produce published teaching evaluations and an academic newsletter by next semester. In addition the Senate played a major role in educating the campus on Coca Cola's involvement in South Africa and explaining the cable TV issue. Furthermore the senate was addressed by such people as legislator Englebright, Judy Krebs (President of SASU), Julius Davis (Vice President of USSA), Fred Preston (Vice-President for Student Affairs), Roger Pijacki (Acting Vice-President for Communications), Dallas Bauman (Assistant Vice-President for Campus Residences), Hugh Mulligan (Director of Parking), Charlie Thrasher (Regional Vice-President of DAKA), Ira Persky (Executive Director of FSA), and John Marburger, all key players in issues which affect students daily. The Senate was very clear and concise when addressing these people and achieved such results as campus safety beginning with a blue light phone being installed in South P-Lot directly stemming from President Marburger's Polity Senate visit.

The Polity Senate was also a cornerstone in improving Student Faculty Relations through its support of the Faculty of the Week column in *Statesman*, written by Senator Tracy Peers. Polity has also taken a very active role in such programs as the Student Faculty Challenge Series, the Student Faculty Talent Show and was one of the creators and chief funders of a program which will fund six projects suggested by students and faculty aimed at improving student-faculty interaction.

In addition Polity co-sponsored such events as Rape Awareness Week, Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance Week, and the Black History Month Formal. Polity pro-

vided buses to take Stony Brook students (both Pro-Choice and Pro-Life) to the Pro-Choice Rally in Washington D.C. Polity created a shuttle bus to prevent DWI by giving those without a car a free means of going to the movie theater, Red Lobster, the bowling alley and a number of campus bars.

Polity was the first student group ever to receive a direct response from officials of the Dormitory Authority, which resulted in the re-embursement for the losses of Kelly Quad residents due to flooding. Polity, in conjunction with the Graduate Student Organization, the Faculty Student Association, Student Affairs and the Provost's office, is working on getting the "Alternative" open. The Alternative being a modified version of what the Graduate Student Lounge was before it closed. The alternative is due to open towards the beginning of the Fall '91 semester in Central Hall.

Through the Student Activities Board, Polity provided a variety of speakers and entertainers, some of these being: Joey Johnson (flag burning), Bobby Seale (co-founder of the Black Panthers), Rose Brown (Planned Parenthood), The Psychedelic Furs, They Might Be Giants, Sister Carol, Shelly Thunder, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Meatloaf (which was really successful), and Sandra Bernhard. And with the eight dates which Polity was able to obtain in the new field house, we plan to expand SAB's role even further next year.

Polity helped organize and sponsor many rallies marches and protests which brought a wide array of student concerns into the limelight. The rally against tuition hikes, which Polity and SASU brought together, was very successful, as was the combined Graduate Health Insurance/No Parking Fee Rally. Both of these were examples of what an organized student body is capable of doing.

I have enjoyed being your president and wish next year's council and all of you the best.



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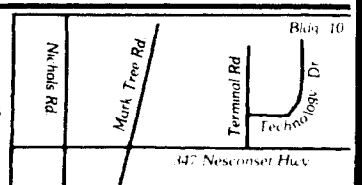
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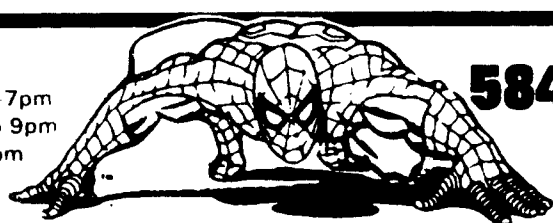
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Bus Driver Befriends Campus

By Kimberly Haynes

Drizzle falls from the grey sky as the commuter bus pulls into the South P depot. Silent, grim-faced students file on, each wrapped up in their thoughts of the day. The doors shut with a loud hiss and the driver yells jokingly to no one in particular, "This morning I'm giving away coffee and doughnuts. Tomorrow, it's mink stoles."

As the bus pulls away from the depot, towards the institutions of higher learning, towards work, towards the future, the driver, Mike Lettiere, sighs and says, "Oh, patience, patience," and a few people stifle laughter and several grin.

By the time the bus pulls up to the next depot, almost all of the students are grinning, facing the day with a smile instead of a frown, a result of Lettiere's banter.

Lettiere, a campus bus operator at the State University of New York at Stony Brook for 10 years, is a popular driving force with students and faculty. His dedication and friendship with the students has resulted in many important changes around the university and has earned him numerous praises from the campus community. According to Lettiere, "The students are my number one priority."

Lettiere, who has lived in Stony Brook for 17 years, not only has a great relationship with the students, but he takes the time and effort to bring about changes that affect their campus lives. Lettiere's persistence has resulted in asphalt at the Loop, a commuter depot, benches in the South P lot depot and a campus phone installed there.

According to Kathy Yunger, assistant director of Auxillary Services, "Mike is a great student advocate. He watches out for things that are good for the students."

Yunger recalls the time that Lettiere took President John Marburger and Vice President Harry Snoreck on a bus tour of the campus. "He showed them all that's good for the students and all that was wrong. He suggested bicycle racks in South P to the president and he loved it, he thought it was an excellent idea."

Yunger feels Lettiere is "a great bridge between the students and administration because he's there with them every day. He's our goodwill ambassador."

This type of dedication and commitment to the job has earned Lettiere many praises and commendations. "I don't know anyone who has a file full of so many nice things," says Yunger. Lettiere's work file contains letters from students, one praising his quick thinking during a bus fire, another for his thoughtfulness in returning a forgotten pocketbook, as well as many thank-you letters just for his "courtesy and consideration."

Lettiere's file contains letters from administration, also. One letter from Hugh Mulligan, the director for Transportation and Parking, commends Lettiere for his good judgement in detouring the bus to take voters to the cafeteria for meals. "Too often, with schedules and rules and regulations," Mulligan states, "We lose sight of the fact that our job is to service the students. Please continue to keep the students as number one."

Other letters include his nominations for the President's Award for Excellence in Classified Service, which is awarded later in the year, thanks for helping during snowstorms and hurricanes, and special thanks for aiding fireman and Stony Brook volunteers with his bus when Sunwood, an estate in Old Field donated to the University by the Melvilles, burned down. Lettiere's supervisor, Maureen Dell'Orfano, said, "Mike can't sit still.

He'll do anything for the students. Every year, he climbs up on the top of the bus at commencement time and attaches a graduation hat."

Many of the students like Lettiere for his kindness and personality. According to Stan Kopchynsky, 20, a commuter from Dix Hills, "Mike's a great guy. He's friendly with everyone. We nicknamed him 'Shortstop' because he's the only bus driver in the whole crew who'll stop for you so you won't be late."

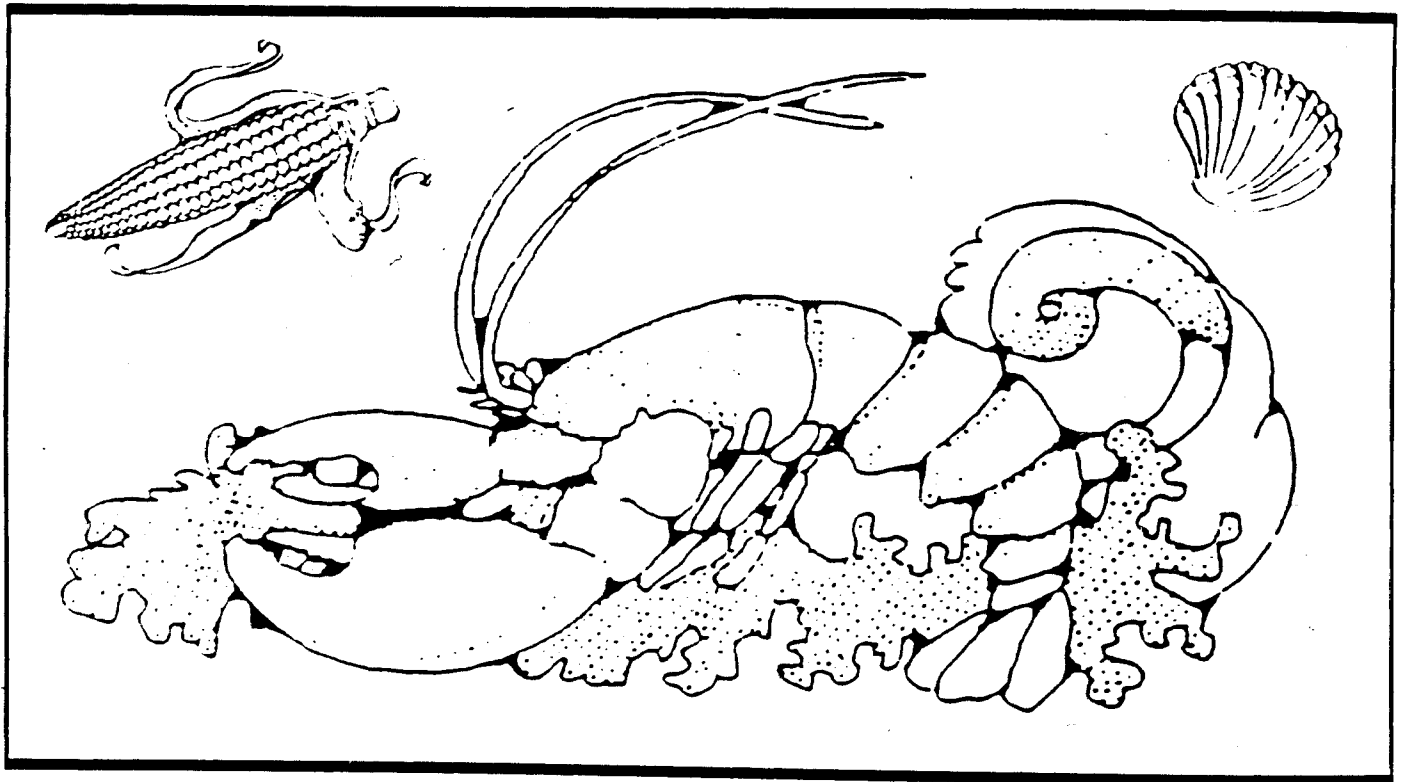
Pat Creighton, a commuter who leaves her child at the campus nursery school, said, "Mike always jokes with the kids, he makes them feel like they belong here."

The students' recognition of Lettiere isn't new, though. When Lettiere first began working for the university, in 1979, an article in the newspaper, Cur-

rents, stated, "Since Mike Lettiere began work as a campus bus driver in September, students have taken notice—and they like what they see."

Lettiere grew up in Greenwich Village, when the Big Apple was just the little Apple," he said. "I was a cab driver in New York City for 28 years, until I came here." Don't ask his age, though. Lettiere just says, "I'm over 39," although his full head of white hair reveals more.

Lettiere's glasses glint in the sunlight as he talks about Stony Brook and his job. He motions with his hands excitedly as he discusses his efforts and rewards, and his small frame is no match for his enormous personality and charm. "I love working at the school. The kids are great. They make my job worthwhile," says Lettiere.



Lobster Bite Luau

Third Annual Lobster Bite was a Success

By Abigail Collins

Shortly before 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, May 8th, truckloads of large folding tables and other supplies were unloaded out in front of the Staller Center's main plaza here at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Workers for DAKA International and others were getting ready for the afternoon festivities of the school's Third Annual Lobster Bite.

The dinner, which ran from 4:30 in the afternoon until about 7:15 that evening featured a choice of lobster or grilled steak, cole slaw, baked potato, corn on the cob, a canned soda and an ice-cream sandwich for dessert. Daka also provided lemon wedges, steak

sauce, plenty of butter and napkins.

Charles Thrasher, vice-president of DAKA, said of the 2700 lobsters ordered, 500 were left over. Three hundred of these were already cooked. Their meat will be frozen and later used for lobster salads. The other 200 will be offered as specials until Friday at the University Club or possibly at The Bridge. Those left over on Friday will then go through the same process as the first 300.

The Lobster Bite was, quite generally, a success. Patty Lawry, a 20-year-old junior said, "It was good. I love lobster and I think it was nice to have everyone together like that." Naveen Thacker smiled as he said "It was the

first lobster I ate in my life."

Thacker, a 21-year-old junior who majors in electrical engineering went to the "Bite" alone and had had no idea how to open the crustacean. He said, "I had to bring it back to my room because I was a mess!" After a lot of hard work Thacker was able to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He said, "I opened it, I ate it, it was nice; but I didn't get to the arms. It was too difficult for me."

Well over 2000 people showed up. At one point the line went as far back as the Bridge. A majority of the people used their meal cards. The others paid \$6.50 for the food and entertainment which included soft Reggae music and a warm, beautiful day.

THE FUNNY BONE

By Olin Strong

Great All Nighter

Well, it's that time of year again. You've got four exams in five days. Bud Lights are forsaken for black coffee and No-Doz becomes your personal savior. For the first time you realize that there were two pages to your course syllabus after all.

Along with whatever wisdom you may or may not gain from your courses, there are also other bits of worldly knowledge you acquire during finals week.

You realize the importance of checking to see that you don't have four final exams scheduled on the same day. After this ordeal, next semester you plan to change your whole schedule to take courses that do not offer final exams.

If you were one of the lucky ones who kept up with assignments or had no exams, there is a special pleasure in watching your classmates die a slow death. Their faces twist and contort as they try to memorize countless formulas. They remain seated looking over words and numbers for hours at a time. But we are all human and are forced to take a study break at some time.

The study break is the devil in disguise. It always starts off as an innocent way to let the brain relax. "I'll start studying again in five minutes" is the phrase that can be heard resonating out of the library and dorms. At times, the echo of such chants can be heard as far away as Nicholls Road.

You savor your break and spend most of it looking for some freshly-baked Entenmann's product. Your search takes you to 7-11, and before you know it, you're sucking on a 98 ounce Slurpee while playing the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle video game. Your "study break" is over.

However, the funniest event to witness is the mad dash your friends make as they begin looking for test

materials minutes before their exam. Scantronathon '90 is either hysterical or a nightmare depending on whether you possess one of the coveted forms. During this time the price of these things skyrockets. Instructors who had had no chalk back in March are now approached by students wishing to trade packs of chalk for an invaluable form.

Pencils become another scarce item, especially those with an eraser. These moments often prove to be extremely tense for the student who is looking for such items. I suppose it is not nice to make fun of someone in their hour of need, but you have to admit... it is funny.

But when you speak of finals week, you can only think about the continuous days and nights of studying that are involved. Letterman has just ended, but your night is only beginning. Normally, you would be in good shape, but last night was "pull the alarm night" in your dorm, so naturally, you didn't get any sleep and you feel a bit fatigued. At 3 a.m., you feel your skull pounding like some satanic Milli Vanilli song. Your headache does not subside, and by 3:30 you're putting Excedrin in Pez candy dispensers. You've now been awake for 44 hours straight and at 5 a.m., you begin to identify with Freud. Most of these students wind up finding religion minutes before their Microeconomics final.

It is now 11 a.m. and your final exam is over. The only problem is, you missed it. Your roommate, who didn't have any finals, but decided to hang around another week so he could eat at DAKA, turned off your alarm clock but did not wake you. You have a fit, and in the immortal words of Bart Simpson his only response is, "Don't have a cow, man."

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Semester Music Review

By Jason Tettler

It has been a very memorable semester, all of us can admit to that. Never has there been so much activity surrounding radio popularity.

The events within the past year have shed a reviving light upon the skill of many veterans and nourished the reunion phenomenon. From The Who to Dixie Gillispie, The Stones to Donny Osmond, the music lived.

Music found life in other ways also. Among the ripe picks came the new heroes of Warrant, Melissa Etheridge and Michael Penn. Who would've guessed that the talentless would also have such a big year? In the heat of the public medium thrived the The New Kids On The Block and Milli Vanilli. Well, if the B52s could win fame then a bunch of cutey-pie adolescents can too.

There were plenty of regulars among the platinum charts and there always will be. The list included the plaque-filled walls of Aerosmith, Phil Collins and Janet Jackson, followed closely by the likes of Motely Crue and Sinead

O'Conner. Again there was controversy behind the glory and the glamour of the grammies. Bonnie Raitt could surely attest to that. Hey, it's not that bad, Jethro Tull could have claimed best new band.

As usual there were rumors thrown about the musical world. First, Guns broke up, then Bon Jovi met their end. Both are highly unlikely but now it seems as if the Eagles and Led Zeppelin might be renewing their bonds.

Along with the new decade came a barrage of remakes. Among them is Sinitta's version of "Right Back Where We Started From." Joy, I'm glad someone did it, aren't you?

Even new dances found their way to the public eye. The Lambada and Madonna's vogue seem to draw more and more attention. I still can't figure out if that is a plus or not.

With the amount of talent nowadays, groups like the B52s managed to weasel their way to the top while musicians like Tesla and They Might Be Giants have only begun their voyage into the land of the Rolling Stone cover story.

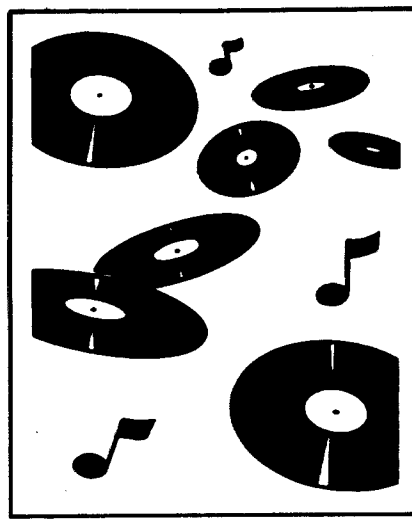
There have also been a few face-lifts among familiar favorites. The Cult have successfully adopted a heavier technique but despite rumors of a break-up, they should receive the "most courageous" award. Bravo fellas, hang in there.

Confessions by the record industry have also surfaced. The respect that Metallica has earned extended into the quadrants of the pop borders. Their success has even found a huge niche in the MTV hierarchy.

The first Earth Day in twenty years found a home with tunes of Eddie Brickell and Hall and Oates but with the good comes the bad and our wishes remain hopeful for Gloria Estefan's generous recovery.

Over the years Long Island has sent a few children into the glitz of rock and roll. Billy Joel and Joan Jett continue their friendship with the world and still, after all this time and exposure, they are our champions.

The deck has shuffled itself in many ways. Steve Via has located a new home with Whitesnake and part of Journey has made valuable ties



with John Waite. It's all for the better. Whatever the changes may have brought, the year needs to be characterized for the sake of memory. The unveiling of the nineties can be seen as the year of the ballad and, justifiably so, the year of the veterans return. Needless to say, both have added to the castle of musical giants and if it keeps producing the Skid Rows, Paula Abduls and Roxettes, maybe someday there will be a new group of miracle veterans to take the reigns held by today's group of greats.

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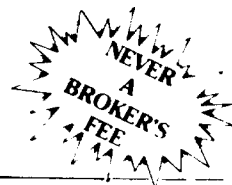
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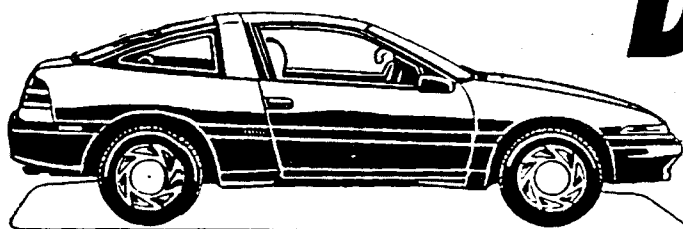
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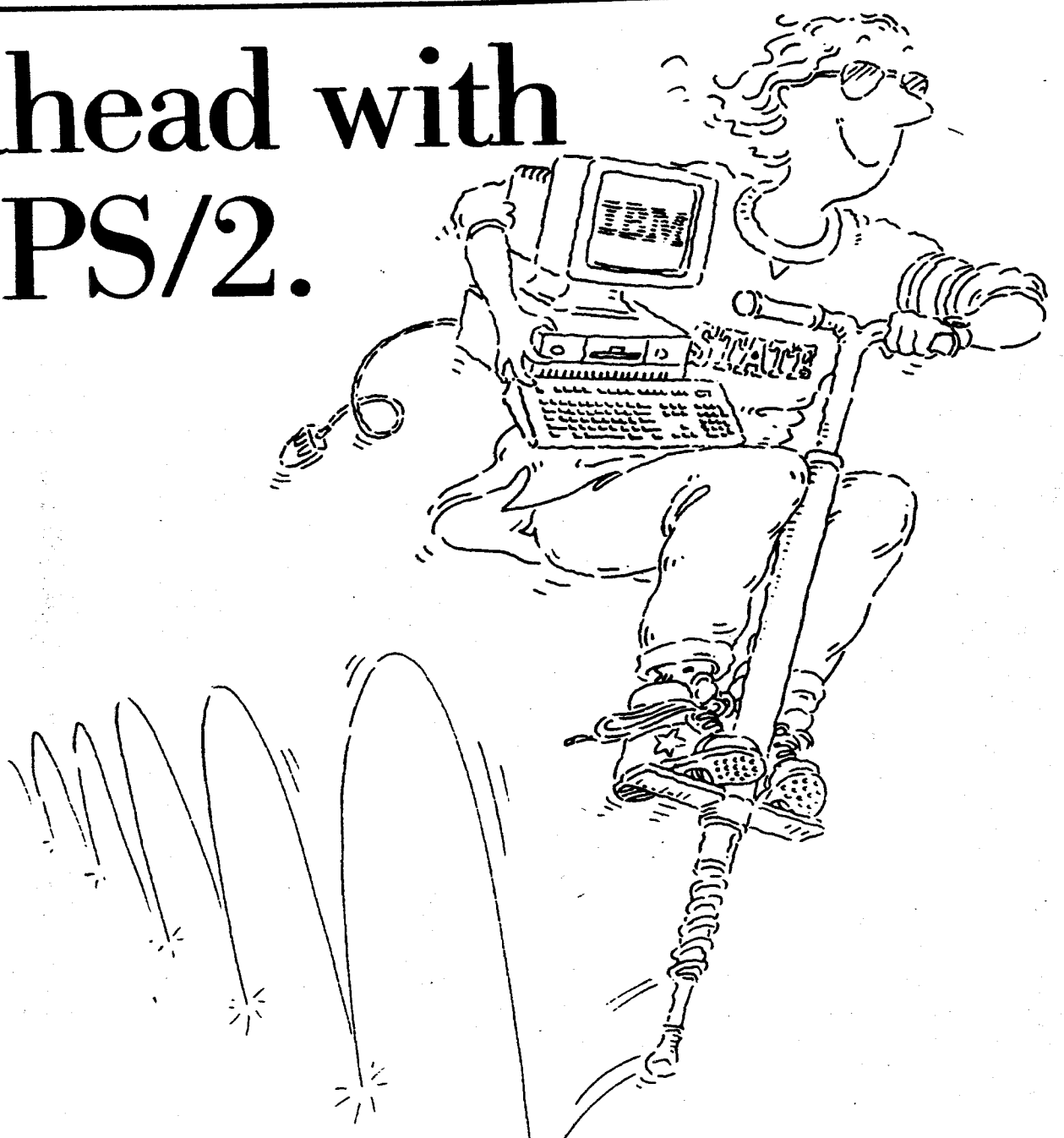
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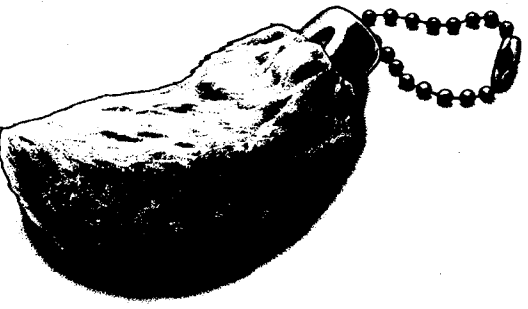
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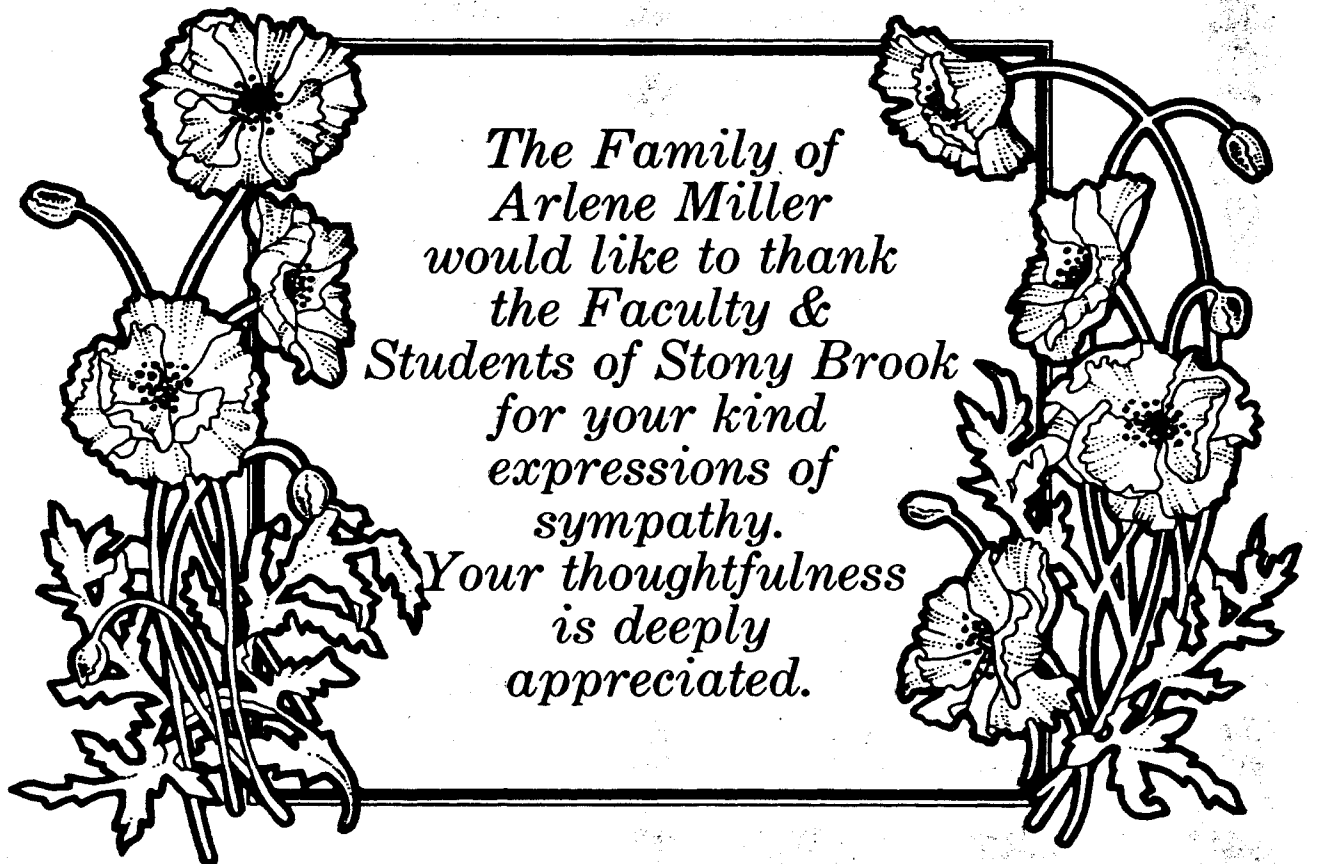
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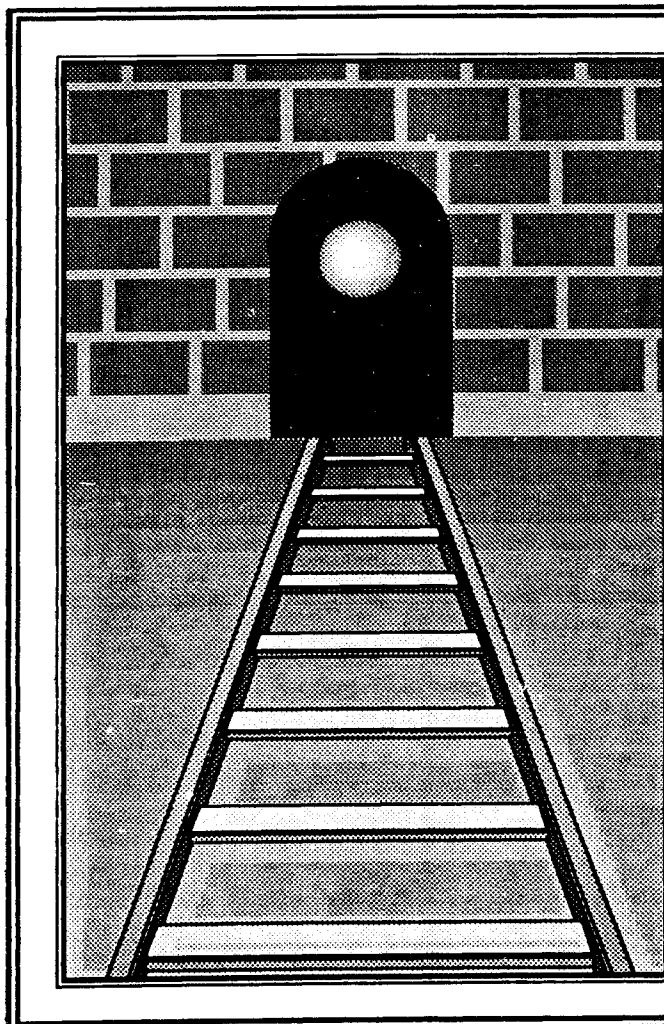
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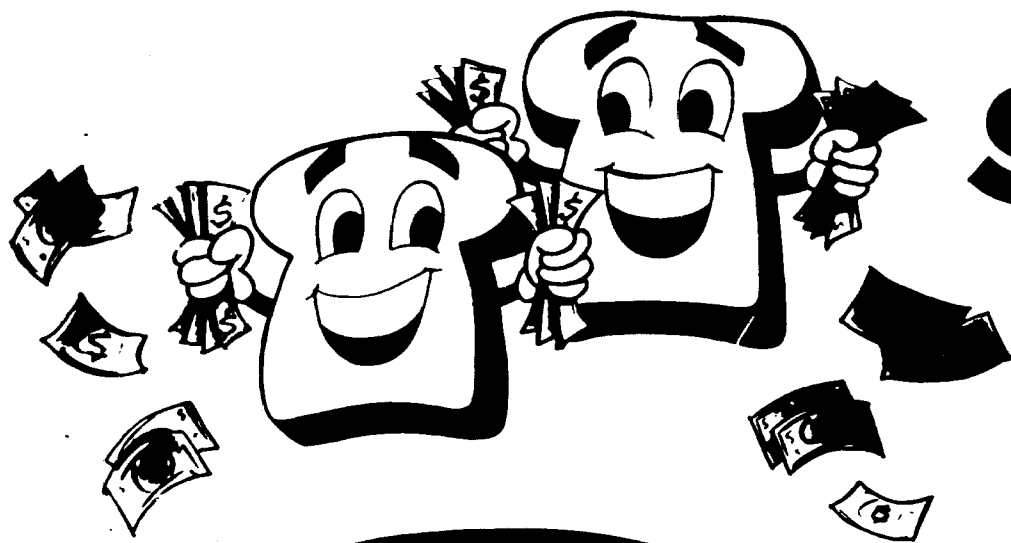
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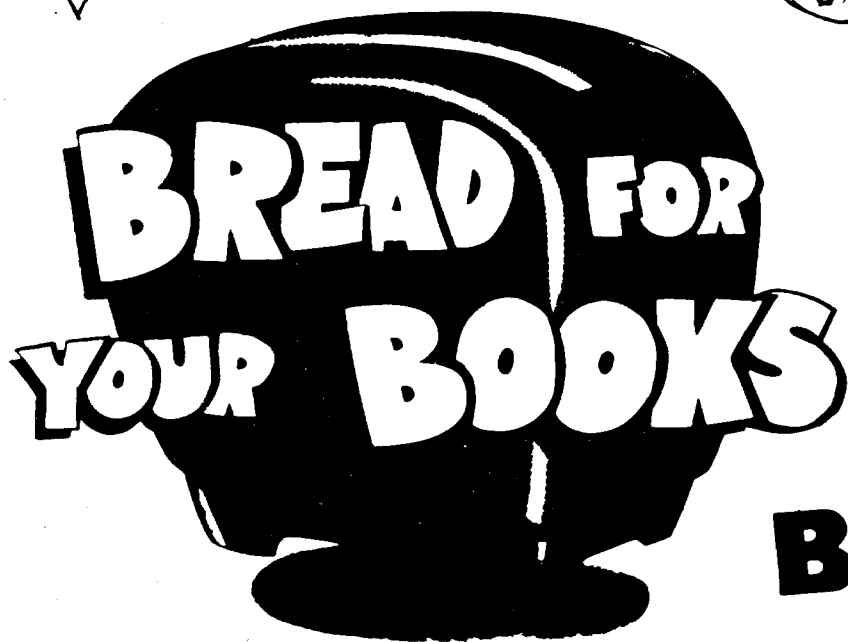
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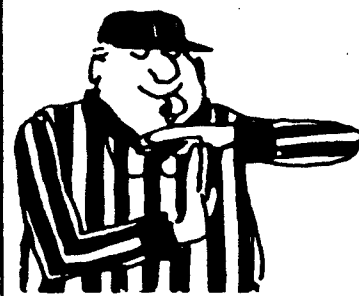


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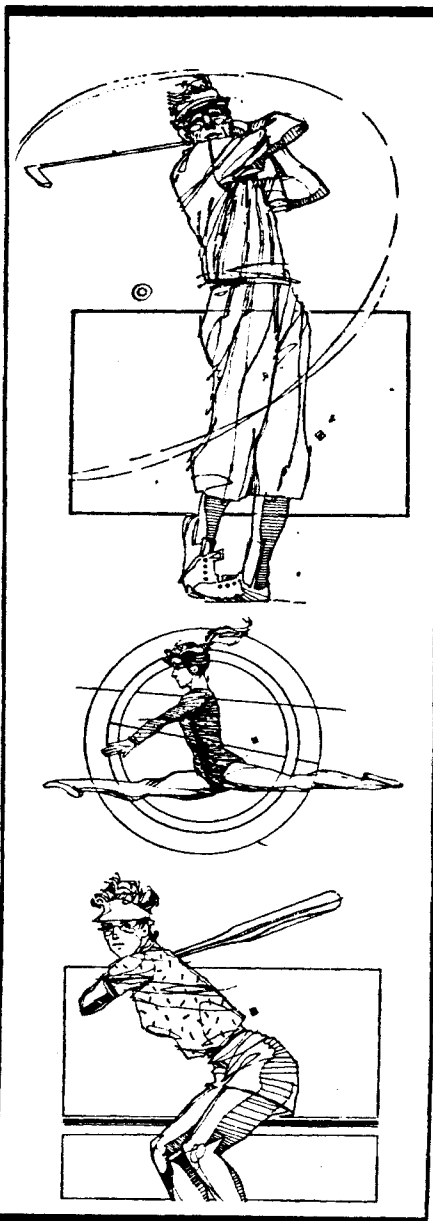
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Burden and Lenchner honored

Espey and Tiso awarded Coach of the Year Title



By Peter Parides

Last night the Stony Brook Athletic Department held its Spring Awards Night. The VIP/Statesman Award for Coach and Athlete of the Year were presented.

The Male Coach of the Year was awarded to Coach John Espey, who coached the lacrosse team to a 12-2 record, its winningest season ever.

The Female Coach of the Year Award went to Coach Terri Tiso of the women's volleyball team, which finished with 30 wins this season.

There were three finalists for Male Athlete of the Year: Bob Burden, football and baseball; Rob Serratore, lacrosse; and Emeka Smith, basketball.

The award went to Burden, who started at first base in each of his four years at Stony Brook. As of May 1, Burden was batting .306 with a fielding percentage of .992.

Burden, the 1990 team captain, defensive and special teams MVP, holds 16 university

football records.

There were also three finalists for the female Athlete of the Year: Janet Benson, volleyball; Sarah Lenchner, track; and Lisa Shaffer, soccer.

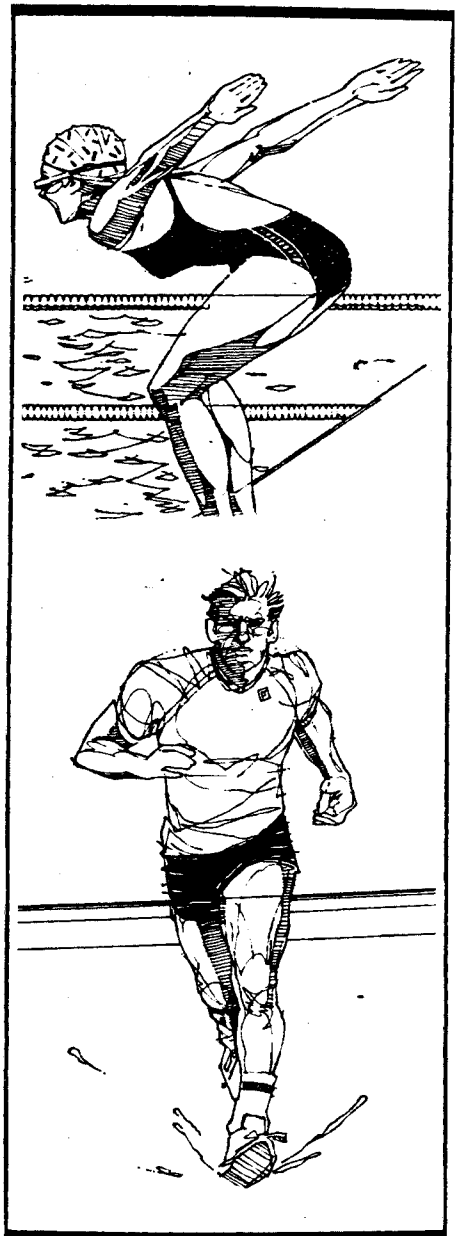
The award was given to Lenchner, who was the MVP of the 1990 indoor track team. Lenchner, Stony Brook's first national champion, captured that title in the long jump and triple jump.

The team coaches gave out MVP's to their top players. Coach Tim Tenaglia awarded the MVP to Dan Melore, an outfielder.

Coach Judy Christ gave MVP honors to Dana Carasig, her starting second baseman.

Coach Steve Borbet awarded the MVP to women's track and men's track. The MVP of the men's squad was Anthony Mercaldi and Claudette Mathis took top honors for the women.

Coach Espey awarded goalie Serratore MVP honors for his work.



Fritz paces Patriots

By Ken Ilchuk

Junior attackman Dave Fritz paced the University at Stony Brook lacrosse team to their tenth and eleventh consecutive victories with 12 goals and three assists. Fritz scored six goals in victories over Fairfield and Marist.

Fritz, who hails from Massapequa, NY, has had an outstanding season after missing all of the 1989 season with a broken foot. Through 13 games, Fritz leads the Patriots in goals scored with 44, and is second on the team in points with 56.

"I was anticipating the season more than usual," said Fritz. "I worked harder in the off-season, and I was looking to make a big

contribution this year."

He doesn't do it alone, however, and is quick to note the contributions of his teammates.

"The whole team played well. We work well together, especially the attack unit. It's really been a group effort all season. I've benefited from the hard work of the other people on the team."

The season has gone well for the Patriots. Fritz, who was an All-Conference football and lacrosse player at Massapequa High School, feels his team has accomplished a great deal.

"We've had a great season. We've played well, and we've played smart."

Will rise in weight affect Azumah Nelson?

by Brian Robinson

For years boxers have moved up in weight class. This ascension usually detrimentally affects fighters. Great pugilists become good ones, champions become contenders. As the Pernell Whitaker-Azumah Nelson lightweight title fight approaches, many experts are wondering if titlist-turned-challenger Nelson can rise to the occasion and defeat Whitaker, the IBF/WBC champion. Can Azumah Nelson buck history and rise in weight (from 130 to 135 lbs) and retain his dominant boxing skills?

On May 19th in Las Vegas at Caesars Palace, Home Box Office will present Pernell Whitaker, 21-1 (13KO), versus Azumah Nelson, 31-1 (22KO), in a battle between, according to KO Magazine, two of the top pound-for-pound fighters in the world.

Pernell Whitaker's only loss came in France at the hands of Jose Luis Ramirez in a bout which was totally onesided. Unfortunately, when the judges handed down the decision, they somehow saw the fight for Ramirez, while a stunned audience had Whitaker winning almost every round. "Sweet Pea," as the Norfolk, Virginia native Whitaker is affection-

ately known, did avenge that defeat with a dominating performance. Some 15 months after the debacle in Europe, he is now considered one of the three best pound-for-pound fighters in the world.

Even with the accolades presented Whitaker, his trainer Lou Duva doesn't expect the Nelson fight to be a cakewalk. "I don't underestimate Nelson. He's a very tough fighter," Duva said in a telephone interview from Las Vegas, "but Pernell has prepared well and I expect him to win a hard fought unanimous decision."

The oddsmakers agree with Duva and have made Whitaker as much as a 4-1 favorite over Nelson.

Nelson, the WBC Jr lightweight champion hails from Ghana in Africa. He has only one blemish on his record, that being a 15th round KO loss to the late legend Salvador Sanchez. Sanchez died in a car accident later that same year. According to Al Braverman, Director of Matchmaking for Don King Productions, who is co-promoting the fight with Main Events Inc., Nelson hasn't been knocked down since. Braverman was shocked that the experts had installed Whi-

taker as the prefight favorite. "The oddsmakers are making a big mistake. Azumah has been training hard for this fight and the jump in weight will only make him stronger," the King assistant said from his Manhattan office yesterday.

Nelson may or may not be stronger because of the weight gain. The extra poundage may indeed slow the aging fighter down. What will not be of concern with respect to Nelson is his health. After testing positive for the AIDS virus 18 months ago, the World Boxing Council head physician has given Nelson a clean bill of health.

A healthy Nelson facing a properly trained and ever improving Whitaker could very well provide for an interesting evening. The fight will come down to Whitaker's speed and chin, and Nelson's conditioning and power.

Don't envision a day at the beach but a slugfest should not be expected either. A ringworn Nelson will land meaningful but sporadic blows while Whitaker moves about the 20-foot square utilizing his quickness and defense. Picture a unanimous and competitive but uneventful fight with Whitaker triumphant by scores of 116-112, 117-111, 117-111.