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SASU reverses stand on SUNY tuition increase

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader Press Service

BUFFALO — Facing the possibility of enrollment cuts, campus closures and the possible firing of more than 1,000 faculty members, the Student Association of the State University (SASU) has agreed to support a tuition hike for the spring semester under certain conditions.

Discussion of a \$100 tuition hike will be a part of today's debate by the State University Board of Trustees, to be held at Buffalo State College, over how to deal with the recent order by Gov. Mario Cuomo for SUNY to slash between \$24 million and \$105 million out of the current year's operating budget.

The tuition hike, if it is called for by the trustees today, would then be subject to a vote during an emergency meeting of the state legislature, and then have to be signed by Gov. Cuomo.

Tuition, currently \$1,350 per year, has not increased since 1983, in the midst of a fiscal crisis similar to the present one. It has largely been due to Gov. Cuomo, who had long held that attending the University should be a free benefit of state residence, that tuition remained stable. But he recently said that he would be "open minded" to a tuition hike if the State Legislature asked for one.

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According to Judith Krebs, president of SASU, SASU decided to re-evaluate its long time policy of opposing all tuition increases in order to force a public policy debate of the issue of state tax dollar support of the University system.

While over the past seven years lack of tuition hikes has caused some inflationary loss of revenue for the University, cuts to state tax support have far exceeded \$100 million over the past three years, and a massive cut is part of the proposed budget for next year.

But Krebs said that SASU would not give its consent to a tuition hike unless SUNY committed to holding enrollment stable, not firing additional faculty members, protecting the Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), among other demands.

Enrollment, she said, was a crucial issue of access because after the University cut enrollment by 2,400 students in the 1989-

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The vehicle immobilizer, or boot, being installed by Parking Officers yesterday. The boot prohibits movement of the vehicle and causes extensive damage if movement is attempted.

University implements 'booting'

Says vehicles will be immobilized for outstanding fines

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The University has instituted a policy designed to enforce parking violations on campus using a "boot," which immobilizes cars in violation.

The 15 boots purchased by the University, according to Herb Petty, assistant director of the Department of Parking and Transportation, are primarily being applied to vehicles with several unpaid fines outstanding. The department has what Petty calls a "hot list" of vehicles with more than ten tickets pending.

Violators' cars are released from the boot by the Parking Department after a \$40 payment and a settling of outstanding fines.

"We have already recovered thousands of dollars in fines," said Petty. The previous method of obtaining these fines was impoundment via towing.

But towing caused many problems for the department, according to Petty. Many vehicle owners would complain of damage incurred by the towing. The boot,

however, requires no movement of the vehicle and therefore decreases the possibility of damage. "It doesn't even touch the fender," said Petty.

Another advantage of the boot, said Petty, is its unlimited access to vehicles. "People try and play tricks," said Petty, by locking their wheels or keeping their cars in gear to avoid towing. Also, many cars are purposely parked in places that make towing difficult. The boot, Petty says, can be used in virtually any situation.

Petty also says the reaction time is quicker with the boot. It takes less than five minutes to apply, whereas it may take a tow truck up to one half-hour to respond to a call.

The boot is also being used on cars that are parked "grossly" illegally. These violations include parking on the grass and within the residential quads. But Petty said he is often reluctant to immobilize cars illegally parked in handicapped and reserved spots. "Booting the car and leaving it there does not help the handicapped person. They still can't park there," said

Petty. The department chooses to tow these violators instead.

The boot also allows the Parking Department to disprove claims that violators weren't parked illegally. Since the vehicle stays where the violation took place, "people can't say, 'Oh, I wasn't parked illegally,'" said Petty. "The proof is in the pudding. That's where your car was. We didn't move it."

The boot is currently being used by several campuses and towns on Long Island as a deterrent and for enforcement of outstanding fines, according to Petty.

"I'm not going to go after a person that happens to have one or two tickets outstanding," said Petty. "I'm going after people who are chronic violators and people who just don't care" about their backed-up tickets.

Petty said that he thinks the immobilizer will be very effective in retrieving a majority of the outstanding fines owed to the University.

He concluded: "If you don't give a hoot, Petty will give you the boot."

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Student ambassadors to represent University

By Tom Masercola
Statesman News Editor

Twenty of Stony Brook's undergraduate students have been selected to serve in the first annual Student Ambassador Program.

The students, consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors, will act as escorts for campus tours, assist with special programs and represent the undergraduate student body at various campus events.

This program is a well known concept on other campuses, but is in its first year at Stony Brook, according to Carol Henderson, executive assistant of the Stony Brook Foundation and coordinator of the program.

The idea of bringing the program to Stony Brook was suggested by new Vice President of University Affairs Carole Cohen as "a way for students to help with the development of the campus," said Henderson.

The idea did not go into action until late April, early May of this year. "By then it was too late to publicize because everyone was getting ready for finals and leaving for the summer," said Henderson.

The nomination process was done by word of mouth. Nominations were solicited from faculty and staff members who were asked to write a few words about why they thought the student would be appropriate for the program. The students who were nominated were sent applications, screened by a selection committee and the selections were made, according to Henderson.

She said the program will be advertised in the Spring with campus-wide notices to invite nominations from the campus com-

munity, faculty and staff.

Yves Gabriel, a class of '91 Biochemistry major, was among the twenty students selected for the program. Gabriel is involved in extensive community services. His activities include: membership in the volunteer ambulance corps, President of the Interfraternal Sorority Council and he sat on a committee for undergraduate enterprises.

"I was pretty excited about being nominated out of 16,000 to represent the university," said Gabriel. "It's something to be proud of and I consider it an honor."

Ira Scott, a Political Science major, was also one of the students to be selected. He was an orientation leader for two years, on the Dean's List almost every semester and is a member of the Political Science Honor Society.

"I'm glad I was chosen," said Scott. "It's a good program that should have started a long time ago."

Scott said the ambassadors interact with administration including alumni, faculty and staff. "This is a good way for students to have interaction with administration and meet important people."

Senior Stephanie Rothman, a Biochemistry major also picked for the program has been active in the Student Alumni Chapter, in the Residence Hall Association (RHA) as the national communicator coordinator, and was vice president of RHA.

"I don't get to see many VIP's or administration as much as I'd like," said Rothman. "It (the program) gives me the opportunity to meet a lot of people."

"It's a great experience," said Rothman. "to get to meet faculty and administration and see how the university works."

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Legislature to consider tuition hike

By David Bander
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, NY (AP)—It would be "almost irresponsible" in light of budget troubles not to consider raising State University of New York tuition next semester, the Legislature's most powerful Republican said Tuesday.

SUNY's board of trustees will consider recommending to Gov. Mario Cuomo and the Legislature a \$100 tuition hike for the spring semester when it meets in Buffalo on Thursday, a trustee said.

"That's not overly taxing on students," said state Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino of a \$100 increase. The Legislature is expected back in December to discuss Cuomo's plans to close a projected \$900 million state budget deficit.

SUNY spokesman Kenneth Goldfarb said a midyear tuition hike is among several options being considered to deal with a SUNY budget cut that could reach \$68 million.

"Everything is under consideration," Goldfarb said. "We're not ruling anything out."

Tuition for New Yorkers attending the nation's largest public university system has been \$1,350 a year since 1983. Goldfarb said university officials can't remember any time when tuition was raised in the middle of a year.

Cuomo has said he'll make recommendations on Friday on how to close three-quarters of the budget gap. He's already said about \$250 million can be saved through a hiring and travel freeze and other administrative restrictions.

The governor has asked his state agencies for plans to deal with up to a 7 percent cut in their budgets. Goldfarb said such a cut, coupled with \$10 million in higher utility costs, could slice \$68 million from the

SUNY budget.

Cuomo and the Legislature would have to approve any tuition increase recommended by the trustees. In 1989, Cuomo vetoed a proposed \$200 tuition increase adopted by the Legislature, but he has refused to rule out a hike now in light of continuing state fiscal problems.

Cuomo press secretary Gary Fryer would not say whether a tuition increase was part of the plan given to the governor by SUNY leaders. Any hike will be reviewed "without prejudice," he said.

Students and faculty groups, who have traditionally opposed tuition hikes in the past, said it may be unavoidable this time.

Judith Krebs, a university trustee and also president of the SUNY Student Associ-

ation, said a spring tuition increase would be preferable to firing professors, cancelling classes and cutting back hours at SUNY buildings.

"At this point, we can't afford any more cuts," Krebs said.

The university is also considering a \$200 tuition hike for the 1991-92 school year, Krebs said.

"There has to be some sort of reasoned increases at this point," Rosenblatt said of tuition.

Two years ago, midyear cuts totaling \$18 million caused several classes to be cancelled at SUNY schools and delayed the graduations of some students, Rosenblatt said. The situation could be worse this year, she warned.

180 degree turn for SASU

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90 academic year, there were drastic cuts in the number of African-American students and even greater cuts to the Latino student population. SASU has longed argued that cuts to the University primarily mean cuts to the access of people of color and other protected groups of individuals.

University facing 'Devastation'

Krebs said last night that due to, "The spectre of enrollment reduction, mass program losses, more fees, more faculty losses and devastation of the University, we have to re-evaluate our position on tuition, and that's what we're doing right now."

Krebs said that SASU would not compromise its negotiating position of demanding no new fees as a revenue source, no cuts to enrollment, safeguarding the EOP, and insisting that the administration be cut

rather than the faculty if staff positions need to be cut.

So far, administrators have not raised the possibility of cutting from their own ranks in response to the budget crisis. And in recent years, the administration has actually grown 20% while faculty positions have shrunk more than 17% according to the SUNY Fiscal Action Committee.

Krebs said that SASU was taking a firm position that its willingness to support a tuition increase was not a blanket endorsement, and did not apply to any time but the immediate crisis that the University system is facing.

Krebs challenged the notion that students, who have so far refused to compromise on the issue of tuition were responsible for SUNY's budget crisis.

"The Governor and the Legislature are not blameless on this," Krebs said.

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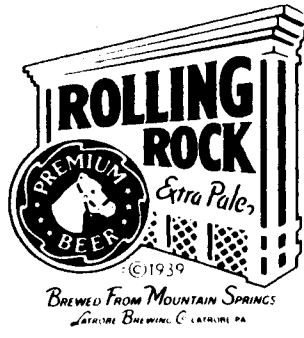
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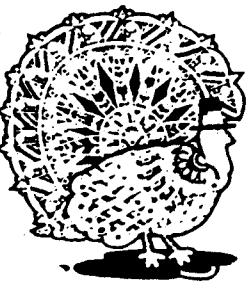
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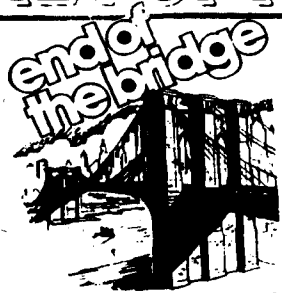
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SUNY Tuition Issue Is Educated Double-Talk

As America loses its financial stranglehold daily due to poor work and business ethics and an undereducated underclass, SUNY is again bracing itself for a 3% - 7% budget cut. If this cut is looked upon not on a personal level, but taken in a broader

rise \$100 next semester and \$600 by the fall makes one think of privilege: education is turning back into a privilege and moving away from being a right. The \$100 boost in the cost to get an education may not be the breaking point for some students, but surely the \$600 increase will. The unfortunate thing about this increase is that there will be no new services provided with this money. Basically, students are being coerced by Governor Cuomo (who so deftly announced this plan mere days before Election Day) to help plug the deficit dam that he and the legislature have failed to control.

Since the students are not the most important constituency of the bureaucratic government that runs the state, these kinds of cuts are much easier to implement

then say, raising the taxes of the rich. This budget cut, however, will affect other people as well. SUNY schools are so financially strapped that they are forced by this budget deficit to cut back non-academic services. This will result in lost jobs for some and a decrease in hours for others. People in the academic areas should not feel so safe, because if a 7% cut is approved, their areas are bound to be cut also. There is already talk of following through on an old, but always put aside, plan to close some of the SUNY colleges, like Old Westbury.

Again, students see that education is not a true priority of the government. From President Bush down, affordable public education is taking a back seat to wars and oil. The irony of it all is that these same

leaders are always complaining about how young Americans cannot compete with these leaders' biggest fear: the Japanese. How can we compete, when this country is ignoring the education problems of a swelling underclass, but is giving the best of everything to a small privileged group?

The proposed tuition hike, added to the bus fee, parking fee, health fee, and the probably soon-to-be-proposed breathing fee, is nothing but a thin veil to cover up Albany's mismanaging of the budget. Why must students subsidize the deficit with their future and their money? The government must stop the double talk and make a political and financial commitment to the education and future of this country.

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context, the government, federal, state and some local, is shortchanging the future of America.

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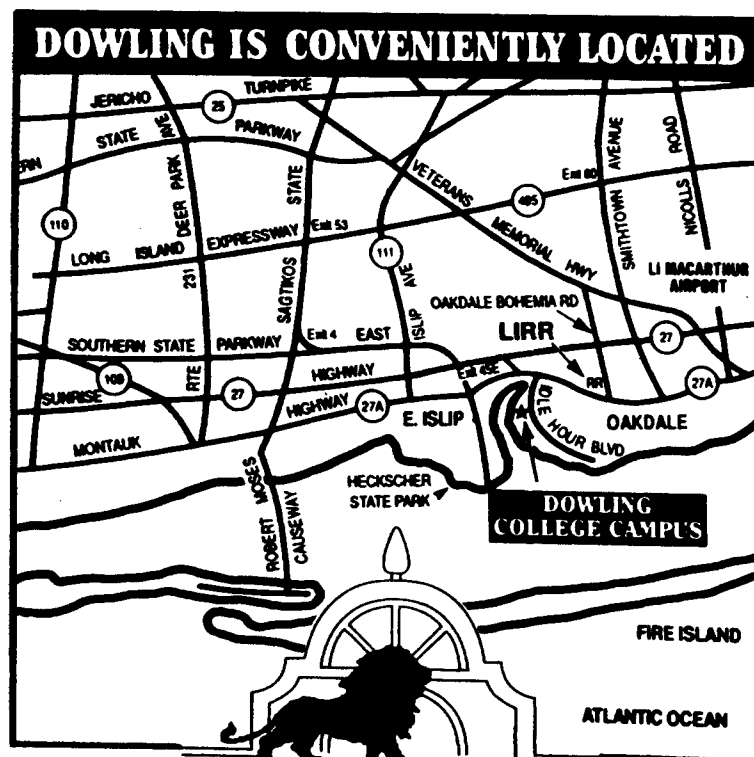
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Bush: No Immediate Plans of War in the Persian Gulf

By Laura King
Associated Press Writer

Iraq yesterday accused the United States of looking for a fight, but President Bush told congressional leaders he has no immediate plans to go to war in the Persian Gulf.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, said any Arab summit would fail unless Iraq agreed in advance to withdraw from Kuwait. Morocco's King Hassan had appealed last week for an emergency summit, saying it might be the last chance for peace.

The United States was putting pressure on Japan to do more for the effort to drive Iraq out of Kuwait. Vice President Dan Quayle, in Tokyo, thanked Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu for Japan's financial support but suggested that a Japanese presence in the Gulf would demonstrate a far greater commitment.

The State Department said two Americans were to leave Iraq yesterday and today. The department did not release their identities or further details.

The first of several hundred American M1A1 tanks rolled into Saudi Arabia last night to give U.S. forces a bigger edge against the Iraqis. The M1A1 Abrams tanks, the Army's premiere ground combat weapon, will replace M1 tanks in all front line Army units deployed in Saudi Arabia.

Survey: Most Americans Opposed to War in Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans are opposed to the United States going to war with Iraq even if the standoff in the Persian Gulf has not changed by the beginning of next year, according to a poll released yesterday.

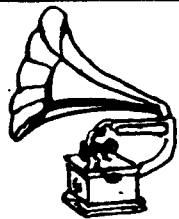
The poll also found that most Americans approve of President Bush's handling of Iraq's takeover of Kuwait.

The national telephone survey of 1,020 Americans found that 44 percent favor continuing the economic sanctions if the situation remains unresolved by January or February.

Fourteen percent who were questioned Friday through Tuesday favor withdrawing U.S. troops from Saudi Arabia if the stalemate continues.

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Students Need to Be Informed About Gulf Crisis

President George Bush has recently decided to send 100,000 more young American troops to face Saddam Hussein's forces in the Persian Gulf. This deployment, although relevant to all Americans, is especially so to those of age to fight in the military.

As students, many of us feel distant from this conflict and feel immune to the terror that may result from combat. But as citizens required by law to be registered for the draft, we are all candidates for future deployments. We may soon be asked — or ordered — by Uncle Sam to offer our lives in the Middle East.

Ironically, it seems that very few of us are following closely the events in the Gulf, let alone taking an active role in the debate over the United States' justification in the conflict. As students, it is assumed that we are naturally curious and interested in such subjects. But we continue to care more about more trivial subjects.

We believe that if we don't think about it, it'll go away.

But as we observe an *escalation* of U.S. forces in the Gulf, it is obvious that the situation will get much worse before it gets better. And worse may mean our bodies in the sand with guns pointed at Iraq.

If we are against the possibility of war in the region, we must make our voice known. As depicted during the 1960s, students are often considered the most politically perceptive and draw a great deal of attention with their protest of governmental policy; our voice will be heard by millions, and the awareness will heighten.

If we are in support of the U.S.' involvement, shouldn't we know what we are in support of? Shouldn't we know what the ins and outs of the conflict are? After all, those favoring intervention are obviously willing to fight themselves. If so, we shouldn't make the same mistake as many American soldiers in Vietnam, who didn't know where they were, or why they were fighting.

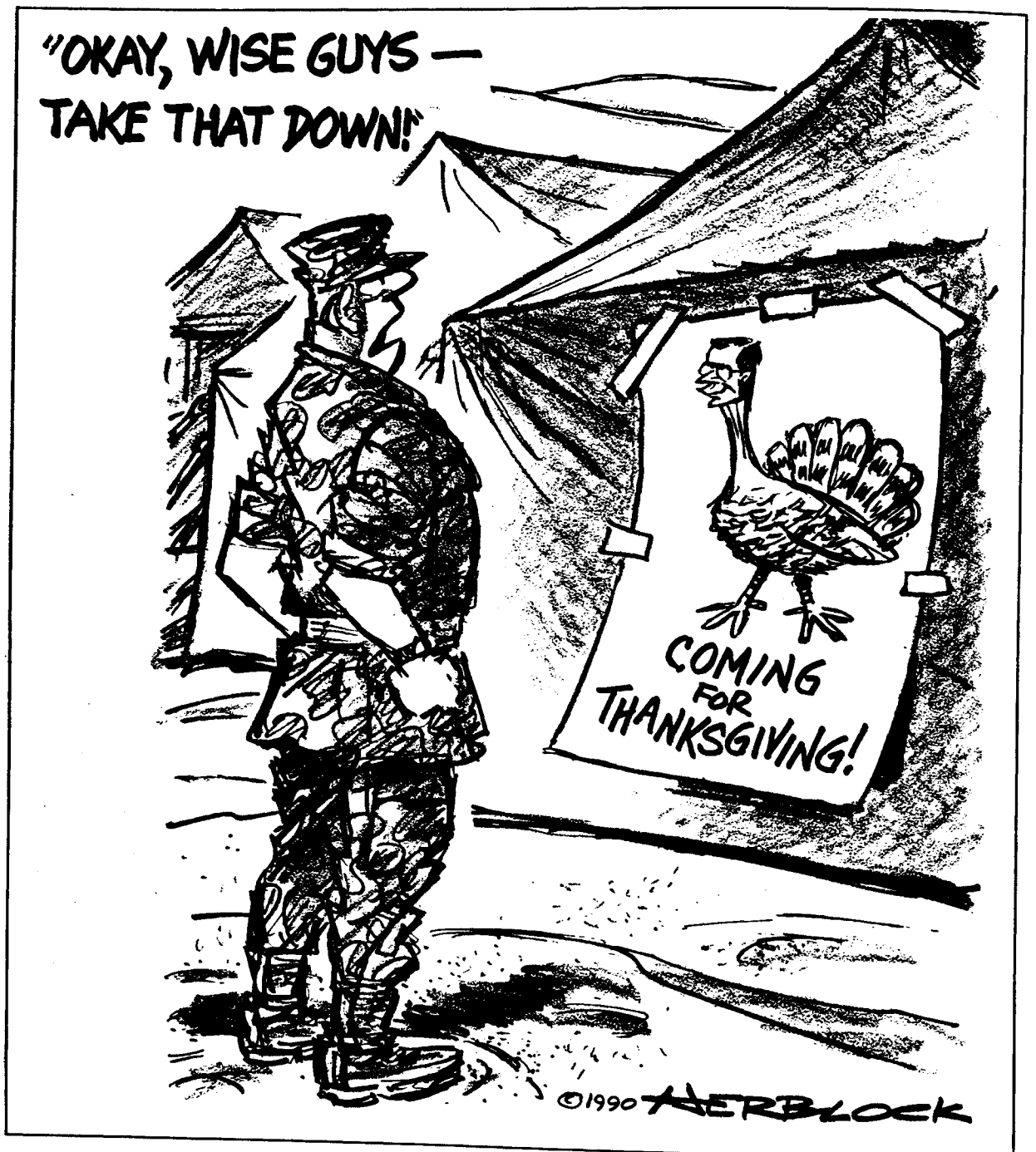
If we are neutral or undecided on the topic, it is a good indication that we lack sufficient data, for the intensity of this issue warrants our opinion as it affects us deeply. We must pursue further information if we are to make an educated judgement

on the issue: something we all must have.

The total number of American soldiers in the Persian Gulf after the planned deployment will be more than 350,000. And given the apparent acceptance by the public, we are giving Bush the green light to send even more. Our entire generation will be affected by this issue for years to come.

If we, as the educated sector of society, ignore

the events in the Gulf now, we are likely to regret it in the future. The potential for disaster is great in this conflict as thousands lay their lives on the line. And with our friends' and neighbors' lives in jeopardy, the least we can do is formulate opinions and generate debate, so we can make sure our ideas are represented in the decisions made by our government.



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Letters

Setting the African Record Straight

To the Editor:

"If a tree falls in a forest and no one is there to hear it, did it really fall?"

African history is that tree, we heard it fall and we are back to tell everyone the story of the tree.

Cleopatra was the most famous African queen. She contributed a great deal to the African society. We as African Americans acknowledge her for this reason. Just as Jerry Katz is interested in acknowledging his-story we want to acknowledge ours. Shakespearean plays were very loosely based on fact. CLEOPATRA EXISTED, THAT IS A FACT. We do accept Elizabeth Taylor as Cleopatra but with many patrons of theatre and movies, that historical fact is lost.

The second point we would like to address is Mr. Katz's so-called acknowledgment of the African-American impact on America. In *Statesman*, Monday October 29, 1990, he stated, "... I would be foolish to say that it [the African-American impact] was through slavery." In *Statesman*, Thursday, October 4, 1990, he stated "As for Africans, it's unfortunate, but the only impact they had on the country is through slavery." Need we say more?

We do not deny the fact that African tribes fought each other and sold the losers as slaves. But it was a situation where they would have been taken themselves, so rather than do that, they gave their enemies.

The last point we would like to address is Mesopotamia. Do not instruct us to look at a map. A map today, Mr. Katz, will not tell us the past. Let us quote from *From Babylon to Timbuktu*, by Randolph W. Winsor.

"There was an Ethiopian civilization in southern Mesopotamia (Babylon), but the people in this region did not use their tribal name, Ethiopia, to designate their nationality. . . The people who resided in the lower part of the Tigris-Euphrates valley were Ethiopian, black in complexion. . . This civilization was of a high order and one of the oldest civilizations in ancient times."

The Winsor article concludes, "The pre-Seminic population means that the Black Sumerians were there [Mesopotamia] first. . . People in lower Mesopotamia were Eastern Ethiopians. . . This area now includes IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, AND NORTHWEST INDIA."

Obviously, Mr. Katz, you do not research when you write. You speak purely from your very limited knowledge of African history. Therefore, Mr. Katz, we suggest you either go to the library and educate yourself about Africa and people of African descent, and/or take African studies courses and have someone educate you. If you do not want to do either of these things, then let us suggest again that you keep your inaccurate statements to yourself.

You see, Mr. Katz, we as African Americans heard the tree fall, and we have told you the story.

Karen Roach
Melanie Gregory
Tamiko Gregory

Editor's note: Dwayne Andrews' column sparked heated debate from readers. The debate has now been exhausted, resulting in a futile debate on this page. Therefore, this letter will be the last in the series.

Campus Cats in Grave Danger

To the Editor:

Many of us here are aware of the stray cats on Stony Brook campus. Many of us feed the cats. Some people have grown fond of them and they seem almost like pets.

The harsh reality is that these cats greatly suffer. Many of the cats were previously domesticated. They were brought here by students. When the students had to return

home or when keeping the cat any longer became a difficulty, the cat was set out into the wild. Usually, the cats are not spayed/neutered. Therefore they reproduce in great numbers.

Since the cats here were previously domesticated, they do not have the skills to survive in the wild. When they become injured or sick they cannot properly nurse themselves. Their hunting skills are lacking.

Many of us here do feed the cats. This in itself is a positive gesture. The cats depend on us. Therefore, it would be extremely cruel for us to stop feeding them. If we do not feed them, they would starve or become very undernourished, and they would have to depend on their poor hunting skills. Females who have kittens are themselves often frail and undernourished. They do not have enough food for themselves and cannot produce enough for their offspring.

When students return home in the summer, no one is here to feed the cats. When buildings are closed up for the break, cats who have sought refuge from the harsh elements are exposed to, or the females that give birth to kittens, are often locked in the buildings and starve to death.

The cats also crawl into heating ducts and other areas where they become trapped and die. Safe shelter for the cats is so hard to find on this campus. These cats are exposed to rain, and with the oncoming winter they will be exposed to snow and extreme cold. Many cats will die due to exposure. They are in poor health. Cats often get colds and respiratory infections. With the onset of winter the incidence of illness will increase and their chances for survival will greatly decrease.

Cats commonly crawl into car engines to seek heat. When the cars are started the cats are killed in the engines. If you have a car, please check underneath it, and the engine, before starting it. Also honking your horn might scare the cat away.

This campus is very dangerous for the cats. There is a substantial flow of traffic and many of the cats are run over by cars. There is always construction of some sort taking place. The cats are killed by the equipment. Mothers often give birth at the construction sites only for the kittens to be run over by a bulldozer.

Another unfortunate factor is that some students are cruel to the cats. The cats are harmed and often killed.

The cats here do not have the pleasant lives many of us imagine for them. It is our undeniable responsibility to help these creatures in need. It is very kind that some feed them and please, do continue lest they starve. If any students can give or find homes for the cats, please do. Homes are desperately needed.

The problem was brought to the attention of our group, the Student Action Coalition for Animals (SACA), by a student named Bridgette, who has been caring for the cats on campus for quite some time, along with another student named Stephanie, who is very devoted to the cats. Last semester, SACA began a coalition to help the cats. Our present mode of action is to catch the cats, have them spayed/neutered and cared for by a veterinarian, temporarily house them, and find them good, caring permanent homes. SACA often sets a table in the Student Union to educate about animal rights and about the cat situation on campus. We often have a bake sale to raise money for veterinary care. We hold general meetings Tuesdays at 7:30 pm and Thursdays at 5:00 pm, Room 079 Student Union basement. These meetings are solely dedicated to helping the cats.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please get in touch with us.

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Jennifer P. Routh



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Pats have high hopes

BASKETBALL from page 16

time at forward.

Meanwhile, sophomore Omar Davis and freshman Luc Baptiste and Steve Leonard are listed at center.

"We're a little bit on the small side," said Castiglie about his team. "And I don't think we've effectively replaced Marshall (Foskey, the big center who was a defensive rebounding force until he graduated last year)." But the Patriots' team speed is perhaps better than it's ever been, and, said Farmer, "We've got better athletes."

"We've got nobody that can't play," said captain Agard. "We're 15 deep."

The team, especially the returning players, feel that such a talent overload may keep the Patriots from becoming as close as last year's squad. "Talent-wise, we're better than last year at this time," said Simon. "But last year, practice was like a game. This year, we started off lackadaisically."

Agard said, "When everybody can score, it's hard to get people to play roles."

Said Howard, the point guard, "It's going to take time for everyone to gel."

Since October 15th, when practice began, coach Castiglie has tried to find a way for his players to play together better. "I feel like I'm putting together a puzzle, and I'm not quite sure where the pieces fit," he

said. But the signs of positive results have started to come in. The last "four, five" practices have been good, reported the coach. During Tuesday's session, "the coach repeatedly complimented his players by saying, "That's good basketball," and at the end of the practice, Castiglie told his team, "I'm starting to see some cohesiveness occur."

If the team takes to Castiglie's disciplined, defense-oriented philosophy, the NCAA playoffs are very much a possibility. The coach stresses fundamentals, eschewing the spectacular for the steady. "I'm a bottom-line guy," he told his team in the last week of practice before this weekend's season-opening Stony Brook Invitational. "I'm just looking for results."

"It's going to take discipline," said Castiglie, "and a willingness to conform."

The Invitational matches Swarthmore and Trinity (Tex.) in the first game Friday, followed by Stony Brook and MIT, which will be the first sports event to take place inside the new University at Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex. "Playing in the new gym will add excitement," said Howard.

The Patriots hope that they can carry last year's success into their new arena. "Once you get the feeling of winning, you don't want to lose it," said Simon.

With Strawberry gone, It's time to turn the page In the NY Mets' History

By Sandra Bautista Carreon

Statesman Sports Writer

Darryl Strawberry is gone. No more second-guessing and exchanging the blame. No more hysteria. And no more "what if's." It's time to turn the page.

Frank Cashen and the rest of the Mets' hierarchy maintains that the non-signing is the theory of "addition by subtraction" gone their way.

From the line-up, the team sacrifices a veritable clean-up hitter who can tie a four run deficit with one swing. They lose a perennial all-star candidate and an explosive, offensively-minded right-fielder who has just begun to appreciate the need for defense.

On the flip side however, the organization can now emphasize the significance of fundamentals. They will really be a team in the mold of its manager, Buddy Harrelson. A premium will be placed on sacrifice bunts, sacrifices flies, hit and runs, stolen bases, double steals. The cast of characters, as it stands, will thrive upon this system.

Imagine this scenario: the Mets acquire Vince Coleman — the consummate lead-off hitter they have sought for years. The line-up card should look something like this:

(1) LF Vince Coleman — a fast-footed, glove-suspect guy who can bunt his way or infield-hit his way on to first base; then proceed to steal second or take third on a hit-and-run.

(2) 2B Tommy Herr — remember the effective 1-2 punch that the Coleman-Herr tandem provided for St. Louis? Herr has the capacity to emulate his .300 batting average years as a table setter with New York.

(3) 3B Gregg Jefferies — a quintessential contact hitter with a fluid and compact swing from both sides of the plate. He is capable of the seething line-drives, long gappers, and stand-up homers.

(4) RF Howard Johnson — another

switch-hitter with the power to pull the ball and drive it over the walls of any ballpark. He combines strength with speed and personifies desire in a team guilty of underachieving.

(5) CF Kevin McReynolds — good on the base paths, strong with the bat, he has the ability to drive in 85-90 runs per year. Big Mac's a consistent hitter. If he rebounds from last season, he should average in the .280's.

(6) 1B Dave Magadan — the suave linedrive opposite/down the-middle hitter with a physique to pull the ball on occasions. Mags finished 1990 in contention for the batting title. Because he is a lefty, he complements the righthanded McReynolds and Elster well.

(7) SS Kevin Elster — In triple A, he flourished as a two-hole hitter, batting .300. Throughout his pro career, he's shown flashes of bat brilliance. If he maintains a .250-.260 pace, his base running smarts and propensity for RBI's makes him a prime seventh hitter.

(8) C Mackey Sasser — This first-ball, fast-ball catcher-hacker proved last year he can hit the heat. Because of a bad foot, the eighth hole suits Sasser. With the pitcher set to bunt in the ninth spot, Sasser does not have the pressure on him to extend singles to doubles.

The Mets are a good team, propped with pitchers, pitchers, and more pitchers. Maybe the Darryl thing is a blessing in disguise; now the Mets can rely on the running game rather than waiting passively for that game-breaking dinger. For years, the Mets have taken the home-runs for granted because every member of the team, especially Strawberry was capable of it. In the process, they have become lackadaisical and have neglected the beauty of manufacturing runs.

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Cashen's blatant blunder will cost Mets dearly

Frank Cashen made the biggest mistake he ever made as the Mets' GM when he let Darryl Strawberry go. What the Mets did can be described in three words: They blew it!

Extra Point Peter Parides

I don't care how hard Met VP Al Harazin tried to cover it up Friday night on WFAN. Mets' management never intended to pursue Darryl because he wanted a long-term contract for mega bucks.

Strawberry tried to make it easy for all involved. He approached Cashen last spring and asked for a contract extension. He made it clear that he would be willing to accept something in the neighborhood of ten million spread over three years.

Cashen gave him an emphatic "No!" Manager Davey Johnson balked at Cashen's decision, stating that Strawberry would never become any cheaper to sign.

Round two of the contract negotiations began immediately following the All-Star

break. After a June in which Darryl hit .375, Harazin approached Strawberry and his despicable agent Eric Goldschmidt with an offer of 9.1 million for a three-year deal. What a generous guy. What an incredible offer.

But to give the Mets their due, the contract was negotiable.

In all honesty, that deal had to be the biggest insult anyone could bestow on one of baseball's premier power hitters.

Goldschmidt decided to come back with an equally ridiculous offer: four years for 21 million. And it was non-negotiable. Needless to say contract talks ceased with both parties satisfied with waiting until the season ended.

The season ended with Strawberry having blasted 37 homeruns. He also broke the Met record for most RBIs in a single season. In addition, Jose Canseco had become baseball's wealthiest player.

So Darryl believed he too was worth five million, and that's what he said it would take for him to sign.

The Mets knew what needed to be done. In the period between the end of the season and Darryl's declaration of free agency, how many times did the Mets talk to him? None. After he declared free agency the Mets still held exclusive negotiating rights with Darryl. How many times did the front office contact Straw-

berry during this time? Not once. In all, the Mets only spoke to Darryl twice in October. And that was to offer him a four-year deal.

Darryl said he would not sign unless the Mets offered him a five-year contract. But Cashen has stated he will not give a five-year deal to anyone. So Cashen kept his promise, but in the process, lost one of the best players in the game. Lost is too strong a word. The Mets did get a first-round pick.

The Mets should have signed Strawberry. Forget about all the bad knocks about him, the Strawman was the best slugger the Mets ever had. In eight years Strawberry hit 252 homers, the most ever by a Met. Who is second on the list? Ed Kranepool, who hit 154 in fifteen years with the Mets. Darryl is also number one in Met extra-base hits. He also has 733 RBIs. And people say he has underachieved. Tell me, how many players over the past eight years have averaged 31 homeruns and 91 RBIs per year?

Darryl Strawberry was indeed the straw that stirred the Mets. It was no coincidence that the team's performance was often dictated by their big rightfielder's play. Met baseball in the past few years has been stay close and wait for Darryl to hit a three-run homer in the late innings. It will take a lot to change this around.

Strawberry was also a hit in non-baseball terms. Fans have flocked to Shea in past seasons to either cheer him or boo him. This was evident even in his second season when the Mets held a promotional day called 'Strawberry Sunday'. To keep the fans in the stands, the Mets will have to sign a big name.

Don't forget that Darryl has played his whole career at Shea, a pitcher's park. Bill James, whose yearly volumes were so good it brought tears to one's eyes, once made an excellent parallel between Shea and the Mets two stars, Strawberry and Doc Gooden. James wrote that if Straw and Doc played in Chicago's Wrigley Field, Strawberry would hit 40 homeruns per year and be known as a phenom while Doc, who would have a high ERA would be seen as the one who had amazing potential but never made anything of it.

If Cashen did not want Strawberry on the Mets anymore, he should have traded him. You don't let a player of his caliber just take off. What in the world was the Met brass thinking of?

Should the Mets have signed him? Was Cashen being pig-headed? Why didn't the Mets trade him during the season? These are moot questions.

The real question now is, "where do the Mets go from here?" Well, sports fans, you'll just have to wait until next week.

Welch, Drabek honored as 1990's top hurlers

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Managing Editor

Victories are the most important statistic, and the leaders in both leagues were rewarded yesterday with the Cy Young Award.

Oakland's Bob Welch won 27 games for

the AL champion Athletics, and Doug Drabek was victorious 22 times for the NL East champ Pirates.

Drabek was a near unanimous winner, taking 23 of 24 first-place votes. Los Angeles' Ramon Martinez (20-6) got the other.

Welch won in a strange way, with no vote-getter being named on every ballot. He took 15 first-place votes and had a total of 107 points. Roger Clemens, with an ERA more than a full run better than Welch, was second with eight first-place votes and 77 points.

Dave Stewart also had a better ERA than Welch, his teammate, and won 20 games for the fourth consecutive season, but again failed to win the Cy Young. He was third with three first-place votes and 43 points, followed by record-setting White Sox reliever Bobby Thigpen, who got the other two first-place votes and had 20 points.

In the NL, Drabek had 118 of a possible 120 points, and Martinez finished second with 70 points. New York's Frank Viola

was third with two second-place votes and 13 thirds for 19 points.

Drabek was almost unbeatable down the stretch. He was 5-0 in July, 4-1 in August and 5-1 in September, and won NL's pitcher of the month awards for July and August—the first pitcher since 1977 to win consecutive awards.

Welch's win total was the highest in the AL since Denny McLain won 31 for the Tigers in 1968. Not since Steve Carlton won 27 for the Phillies in 1972 had a major-leaguer won that many.

Clemens went 21-6 with a 1.93 ERA in tiny Fenway Park—only the second Red Sox pitcher in 73 years with an ERA of less than 2.00.

—Compiled from wire service reports

Mathis makes NCAAs

By Sandra Bautista Carreon
Statesman Sports Writer

Claudette Mathis, this week's Athlete of the Week, hails from East New York, Brooklyn.

She attended the Murray Bergtraum school in Manhattan and proceeded to enroll at the State University at Stony Brook. Back then, she did not anticipate the successful career in Cross-Country which she now boasts.

One afternoon in 1986, Mathis partook in an intramural cross-country event for her residence hall. Although she was bested by another runner, she won the praise of cross-country head coach Steve Borbet. He was impressed with her, remarking that Mathis "had a good run," that the university could

use her services. And the rest is history.

As a four year pro, Mathis has captained and co-captained this team of runners which exhibits the utmost spirit. "The team is great. Everybody pulls together," Mathis proffers. The ten hour practice week, consisting of 800 sprints and long-distance runs does not dissuade her from participating in the school's sports program.

So, it goes without saying that the hard-working runner/math major was "excited and thrilled" upon being named Athlete of the Week. But what about distinguishing herself as the only athlete in Stony Brook's history to qualify for the NCAA's in more sports than anyone else! Mathis laughs, "I think that's great. I was like 'wow!'"

Yes "wow" to an athlete, a student, and a star.

Pats freeze in cold at NCAAs

By Sandra Bautista Carreon
Statesman Sports Writer

A muddy terrain amidst the windy and rainy 40-degree weather provided the backdrop for the Lady Patriots' seventh place finish at the NCAA East Regionals at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Saturday.

Claudette Mathis placed 10th with a time of 19:02.6. "2 years ago," coach Steve Borbet mentioned, "she ran the same course." This time around, Mathis was a minute off her old pace due to the nasty weather.

Regardless, others like Nicole Halemeister recorded a respectable time of 19:59.8. The freshman's performance was good

enough for All-Regional honors. Delia Hopkins, another first-year runner clocked in at 20:22.2, followed by Dedee Meehan whose 21:06.6 run marks her last as a Stony Brook X-C runner.

On the men's side, Pat McMurray led the Patriots to a thirteenth place finish with an All-Regional qualifying 26:47.6. "He gave it a good effort. He ran pretty tough," Borbet said. Behind him, Dave Briggs, who ran the race in 27:07.9; and Sean Bergin, who came in at 28:37.5, finished 31st and 79th respectively. Tony Parrado, who garnered a time of 28:49.0; and Chris Magnifico, who ran the course in 29:15.6, round off the top five runners for the Patriots in the 8000-meter course at the NCAA Regional X-C championships.

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Eddie Reaven	26	23	1	4

What a week! The Cat finally broke a season long slump and hit on eight of 12, elevating him out of sole status in the cellar. Joining him in the dregs of the football pickers is Evil Otto, who had a miserable week, finishing two under par.

Dr. William Lister had a good week, hitting on seven and extending the Guest Professor's lead to three games over Sea Hag and Lerch, who both went .500.

This week's Guest Professor is Norm Prussin, "Director of Student Media services in the Student Union and Instructor of Media Arts in the Theater Arts Department."

Prussin says "I'd do better if this was baseball." That's music to my ears. —Eddie Reaven

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SQUASHING IT — Alex Whitaker and captain Will Simonds practicing for the upcoming season, which opens Sunday against Columbia.

Squash team counts on rookies

By Robert Abrams
Statesman Sports Writer

Come November 18, a new era in Stony Brook Patriots' squash will begin. Recently completed, the Indoor Sports Complex, which has six squash courts, will be the team's new home.

MEN'S SQUASH

As last year's 18th ranked team in the country, the Pats are anxious to get the 1990-91 season underway. Unfortunately they haven't had much practice time, as team captain Will Simonds affirms.

"We haven't even been able to get into the new Sports Complex. We need more courts now because there's not enough space to do drills needed. The coach hopes to get more courts."

Coach Bob Snider, who has coached the team since 1966, the first year of Stony Brook squash, sees this year as one in which "it will be very, very tough to win. Of our 24 matches, there's probably seven that we won't win." If this proves true, it won't be due to a lack of effort by the Pats. "We play seven of the top 10 teams in the country," said Simonds. "No other team plays as many of the best teams as we do."

With only four returning lettermen, the Pats hope to improve on the 1989 campaign that had them finish with a 13-11 record. Besides Simonds, Snider expects good things from other players. Alex Whitaker, ranked number two on the squad, is a third year player out of Rochester, N.Y. Third ranked is Rudy Villamar. Oliver Dick, a freshman, is number four. Mark Bohrer of Babylon rounds out the top five.

"The next six weeks will tell the season," Snider said. "We are an inexperienced team. The rest of our players haven't played squash before coming here. It's hard to take five guys out of your lineup and put five in who haven't played 10 games total," which is the amount the lower ranked players have amassed. "When the season starts, it will be traumatic for them," he said.

Having already played his allotted four years of squash, last season's top ranked Pats player, Jay Warshaw, won't be back. Noel Velasco, highly ranked last season, also won't be playing since he is presently attending Stony Brook's medical school. Despite this, Simonds is optimistic that he and Bohrer, among others, can carry on that winning attitude.

"We have to aim at the matches we think we have a chance in," said Bohrer. "I think I can beat a lot of guys I lost

to last year. I worked on my game a lot since then. My kill shot is there, but the rest I have to keep working on." Being labeled "the most intense player on the team" by Simonds can only fuel Bohrer's fire to win.

Simonds contends that fire in the players must be from within. "I can only do so much to motivate others. The rest of it must be done by the players themselves. In the complex, I will coordinate everything and give inspiration when necessary," along with the other experienced ones and Snider.

Snider, Simonds and Bohrer agreed that they will have to do much more drills as the season develops. "Especially the newer players... most of our ranked ones don't have a lot of experience in squash," said Simonds. "They have to do a lot of drills and playing before matches to ease them into it. The whole team hasn't done many drills before. It's new and good to do. We get our good players to beat the new ones badly early on so it isn't a shock to them when it happens in the season."

These strong words, coupled with what Simonds affectionately dubs "Snider's negative motivation," makes one think the inexperienced players will either play squash or be squashed. Simonds explains Snider's tactic. "He tells you in practices that you aren't really doing your best. Most of them don't like it but they appreciate him being a big motivational force (in their development). It really makes them better" because this is the type of psyching out that opponents will try on new players. They are being forewarned about it now.

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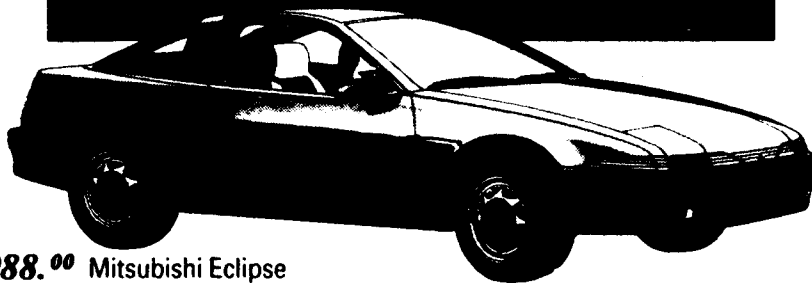
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Ladies finish proudly

By Pete Parides
Statesman Sports Editor

The Lady Patriots ended their amazing season Saturday, making it all the way to the NCAA championship quarterfinals.

VOLLEYBALL

Stony Brook, ranked second in the East Regional bracket, faced Brockport State in the first round, winning three games in a row for the 11-15, 15-9, 18-16, and 15-6 win.

Anastasia Nikas powered her team to victory with 21 kills, 19 digs, and three blocks. Meghan Dowd, the Pats' other major force, garnered 18 kills and 23 digs. Also putting in strong games were Laura LaRock, who had 10 kills and 14 digs; and Kelly Grodotzke, who came up with eight digs. "Grodotzke had an outstanding tournament defensively," said coach Teri Tiso.

Upon defeating Brockport, one school

stood between Stony Brook and a final four bid, Juniata College. Ranked in the top ten in the nation, Juniata was just too big an obstacle for the Pats to surpass. The ladies, who lost by scores of 9-15, 8-15, 15-11, and 12-15, did manage to put up double digits in the final two games.

Nikas once again led the Pats with 17 kills, 14 digs, and 4.5 blocks. Dowd came through with 12 kills and 17 digs. LaRock, who put in a good game herself, had eight kills and 16 digs.

Juniata's advance to the Final Four is the eighth time in the last ten years that it has made this prestigious event. The 1990 Final Four will also be Juniata's sixth in a row.

As Stony Brook left the court after its final game, the team could look back on an incredible season in which it won 23 straight games.

The Lady Patriots can look forward to a promising 1991 season as they are only losing one senior.



File Photo

LOOKING STRONG — The Lady Patriots open their season in the Three Village Chamber of Commerce Tip-Off Tournament Saturday at 3:00 pm against Albany.

Women tip off on Saturday

By Teri Manno
Statesman Women's Basketball Writer

The Stony Brook women's basketball team starts its season this weekend in the Three Village Chamber of Commerce Tip-Off Tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The first round of the tournament will be Amherst Vs. Dickinson and Stony Brook Vs. Albany. The winners of both games will face each other in the championship round on Sunday.

The Lady Patriots are coming off of a 16-9 season. Their winning ways gave them a sixth seed ranking for last year's playoffs in which they were invited from a list of 48 other teams. In the first round they faced the number one ranked team in the country, St. John Fisher. The Lady Patriots were dealt a loss, but put in a tough fight and kept the game close throughout.

This year's squad will consist of six veteran players and five rookies. Graduating seniors Jill Cook, last year's point guard, and Joanne Sullivan, who averaged in double figures, will be missed, but Coach Dec

McMullen feels this year's team can do just as well as last season's.

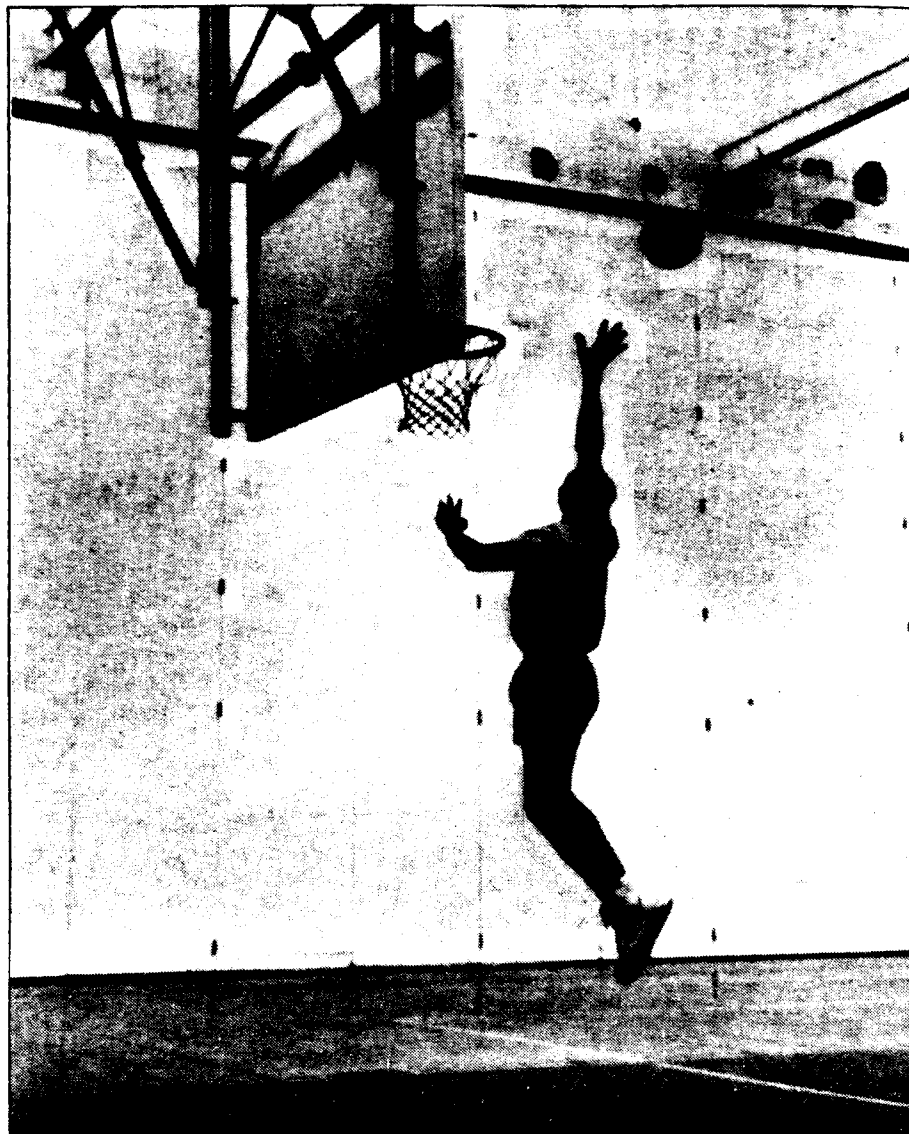
The six veteran players will be starters this year for the Lady Patriots and will be led by Katie Browngradt, one of this year's captains. She captured the Kodak district All-American sports award last year. Browngradt is viewed as one of the top 40 players in the United States. Jessica Arnold, Rita Gallagher, Tracey Gaylord, Diana Jacobs, and Julie Lilute are also expected to bring some needed experience to the young team. Their performance are essential to setting a winning pace for the upcoming season.

Not only are good performances needed from the veterans, but also from the rookies because according to McMullen, they are the way to a winning season.

"We have to win in the beginning to have a successful season," said McMullen. "If the rookies contribute from the start we'll win."

McMullen is a self-proclaimed optimist. "I feel we can win every game. We usually win between 15 and 20 games. If rookies come along we'll definitely win."

The Lady Patriots take the court in their season opener against Albany this Saturday at 3 pm.



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WORKING HARD — The Men's basketball team open their season Friday night at 7:00 pm in the gym against MIT.

Men have high hopes

By Liam McGrath
Statesman Men's Basketball Writer

The men's basketball team is loaded with talent and balanced by a good mix of youth and experience.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stony Brook has a successful veteran head coach, and after last year's record 24 wins, expectations are skyrocketing. But to a man, the Patriots say that reaching their goals this year depends on chemistry.

"The key is to play unselfishly and together," said Joe Castiglie, who is in his seventh year as head coach at Stony Brook.

Last year's team rode a 15-game winning streak on the way to capturing the Skyline Conference title and the ECAC postseason tournament, winning all but five of 29 games, but was snubbed by the NCAA tournament selection committee. This year, the Patriots, who return their top six scorers and have some newcomers who can contribute immediately, have their minds set on a NCAA berth. "We all know what we're capable of doing," said senior forward Yves Simon, one of the tri-captains.

Senior Steve Hayn, a forward who was second on the team in scoring last year, and senior swing man Charwin Agard are the other captains. "I think tremendously of them," Castiglie said of his captains. "They

have a good understanding of how I want the game played."

Also returning is guard Emeka Smith, who was named Skyline Conference Rookie of the Year last year after manning the point and leading the Patriots in scoring with over 21 points a game. Smith and Curtis Bunche, an All-America transfer from Queensboro Community College, will each spend time at both point guard and shooting guard. Junior Lewis Howard and freshman Sean Williams can also play the point, and junior Charwyn David has experience at both spots. "We have depth at all the guard positions," said shooting guard Mike Francis, a transfer from Nassau Community College.

Captains Simon and Hayn anchor the front line. Simon led Stony Brook in rebounding and steals and finished third on the team in scoring. Hayn was second in rebounding, and is a master at gaining position in the post and then finishing plays. Vincent Farmer and Ricky Wardally are back for their sophomore campaigns after impressive freshman seasons. Both Farmer and Wardally, already defensive stalwarts, improved their offensive games over the summer. Wardally exhibits a new aggressiveness in attacking the basket. Farmer said, "My jump shot got better. I'm more confident." Junior Frank Heitman and freshman Vernard Williams could also get

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