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Disqualified

Polity invalidates Common Sense party, six candidates;
three races left uncontested.

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The Common Sense party and six of its candidates for the Student Polity elections were disqualified Tuesday by unanimous vote of the Polity election board for violation of election bylaws, according to Polity officials.

The disqualifications, which were made public less than three hours before the candidates were to debate in the Student Union, leave three of the six Polity races uncontested, including the presidency.

Although Annette Garner, the board's chair, could not specify about which election guidelines the party violated, she did say the group illegally campaigned before it had received candidacy from Polity.

Garner said the decision was made after consultation with "several" former election board chairs. Garner, who said that allegations of misconduct came from Polity Senator David Greene, also said she received complaints from other Polity candidates about Common Sense campaign tactics.

According to Ron Nehring, the party's campaign manager, who also successfully petitioned for senior class representative after the party's candidate dropped out of the race, there were no grounds for disqualification. He said that the material in question, which he admits was distributed by the party, was intended to promote the Common Sense party, not individual can-

didates. And he maintained that none of the literature was in violation of election bylaws.

The candidates were informed of their disqualifications Tuesday, but are yet to receive formal notice in writing, said Nehring. Garner confirmed this, but said that a written notice will be provided upon request of the party.

According to Keith McLaren, the party's former presidential hopeful, candidates were informed inside a "closed" meeting, in which the group was "interrogated" by Greene, who is not a member of the election board.

Greene told *Statesman* last night that he attended the meeting to clarify his allegations to the party.

But several Common Sense members accused Greene of not allowing them to present their side of the argument, and of using profanity and interrupting the party members during the meeting.

According to Greene, he has been investigating the party for about a month, since he was approached by residents in Greeley College, the building Greene represents in the Senate. Greene said he found that the party's intention was to form an alternative student government, and accused the party of having a "hidden agenda."

Although the party has admitted it wants to take control of the Polity executive council, its purpose is to "work within the system," said Ary Rosenbaum, the

party's former secretarial candidate.

The Common Sense party said it has filed a grievance against Polity to the Student Judiciary and plans to seek counsel. "This is not Polity's University, it is the taxpayers'," said Nehring.

The party alleges that the disqualifications are a conflict of interest because they were handed down by Garner, who was appointed by Polity President Dan Slepian, who is now running unopposed for re-election.

"This is a violation of the democratic process," said Nehring. "The students do not have a choice."

While Slepian had no comment about the disqualifications, he said that the situation was "unfortunate," and called for a clarification of the Polity bylaws as pertains to party politics.

The Common Sense party is the first student-oriented political party on campus.

The party has been under fire since its creation in February. Since then, posters, for which the party denied responsibility, were distributed in the party's name that supported Slepian for president and labeled the group "liberal." Also, the party has been widely associated with the College Republicans, of which at least four candidates are members, including Nehring, who is president of the Republicans.

The College Republicans' national platform calls for the elimination of the mandatory student activity fee, according to the College Press Service.

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Meet the Candidates

VICE PRESIDENT

Maxine Douglas

Student Ambassador Maxine Douglas will emphasize the issues of the tuition hikes and the cuts in financial aid if she is elected Polity vice president.

As a grass root organizer Douglas says she plans to make a strong statement on behalf of education. She says she is concerned students will no longer be able to afford Stony Brook if tuition keeps going up and financial aid keeps going down. "I'm concerned as to whether or not students are getting their money's worth," says Douglas.

Douglas says students need to realize that they have a voice and to recognize that they have power. "They [the students] do have a voice," says Douglas, "it's a matter of getting that voice out."

Douglas says she is also concerned about the lack of campus safety. She says she supports the Women's Safety Task Force and wants more done in the way of preventative measures against violence on women.

Douglas has worked as a national and state-wide representative for Stony Brook in the United States Student Association. She is a member of the Latin American Student Organization and the Caribbean Student Organization and was

the chairperson for the student/faculty/staff retreat last year.

SECRETARY

Wendy Wohlman

Wendy Wohlman says she wants to establish better public relations and act as a liason between students, student representatives, and administration if she is elected Polity secretary.

Wohlman says security is inadequate and says she would like to be "an integral part of campus security." Wohlman also feels student apathy is a problem. If elected she says she wants to go to the students in their LEG meetings to speak on promoting events and getting student's more involved. She says the Polity Newsletter is a good resource for students to get information on campus events, but feels it "needs work."

Wohlman has been the receptionist in the Polity offices and has gained valuable experience. "I've been well prepared," says Wohlman.

Wohlman says the role of Polity is to take the voice of students and use it to its full capacity. "There's so much we can do together," says Wohlman. "We unite a large group to make one voice."

In closing, Wohlman says, "It's not so much to vote for me... just get out and vote."

SENIOR REP

Manny Nunez

Junior Manny Nunez says he will stress the importance of educating students on the diversity on campus and the importance of it if he is elected senior class representative.

Nunez says he believes diversity is an important issue on campus. "Polity is the students," says Nunez. "It must absolutely represent everyone. Representation from all groups is vital."

Nunez says he would like to make the students become more involved and better aware of each other. For example, he says he would like to start a book exchange group in order for students to avoid the bookstore. He says he would like to hold regular senior meetings if he is elected to ensure better communication.

Nunez says he believes senior week is an important event, but that other events planned for seniors must come before it. "Senior week needs to be important, but it's least important amongst other things that can be done."

Nunez admits that he doesn't have much experience, but says he is ready to become active in the student body. "Just because I've been wading in the waters of inactivity doesn't mean I don't want

to swim towards the shores of involvement."

Since Nunez was unable to attend Tuesday's debate he says, "I just want people to know there is an opponent."

Tony Vitale

Junior Tony Vitale says his main objective, if elected senior class representative, is "to show the seniors a good time."

Vitale says he wants seniors to enjoy their last year to the fullest and to make senior week the best week of the seniors' lives. "I'm looking forward to a great senior week."

Although Vitale says he feels senior week will be his main focus if he is elected, he also feels there are other issues that need to be addressed. Vitale says he is against any tuition increase and would like to get "a crew" together to lobby against the raise in Albany. Vitale says he is against arming Public Safety officers because he is afraid the officers "may be tempted to use them [the guns] if they have them." Vitale says the lack of safety is also a problem on campus. He says more officers should patrol campus than patrol University President John Marburger's house.

If elected Vitale says he would like to circulate a census for all seniors to find out what they want to do and to get their input on events and activities they would like to participate in.

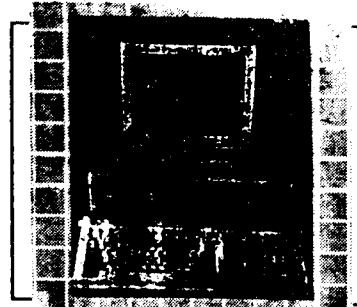
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Students meet the candidates

By Toni Masercola
Statesman News Editor

Polity hopefuls debated Monday on the tuition hike, the lack of campus security, the growing student apathy and many other current campus issues affecting the student body.

However, due to the disqualification of the candidates in the Common Sense party and two no-shows, the only candidates that debated were those of sophomore representative and vice president.

The first candidates to debate were sophomore representative candidates Ken Bristow, Nadia Chanza and Vincent Bruzzese. In the opening statements, Bristow, who is presently freshman representative, said he feels his experience in Polity makes him the best person for the job. Bristow said he will voice the concerns of students from all ethnic backgrounds if he is elected.

Bruzzese, a Polity senator, spoke about his involvement in the organization of an upcoming rally against the raise in tuition. He said he is against the tuition hike, which has been "unfairly imposed" on the students.

Chanza expressed concerns about safety on campus and plans to implement safety programs if elected.

After their three minute opening statements the panel asked the candidates questions in which they had one minute to respond.

Statesman Editor-in-Chief David Joachim asked Bristow what he has done in the past year to get commuter students more involved. "Well actually I haven't



Media panel questions candidates Tuesday in the Union Fireside Lounge.

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really done that much with commuter students this semester because a lot of other issues have come to light," said Bristow.

The other candidates were entitled to a 30 second rebuttal.

Bruzzese, a Commuter College senator, said he feels his interaction with the commuter students would provide him with more responsibility and more power to deal with the issues that face the commuters.

Chanza said if she is elected she would try to get commuters more involved in recreational events between them and the residents and send out information to the commuters if they are not able to get it on campus.

Blackworld Editor-in-Chief Dwayne Andrews asked Bruzzese how he thought he could make sophomores feel that they have a voice in Polity. Bruzzese said, if he is elected, his office door will always be open to any sophomore with ideas and opinions. He agreed with Chanza's idea to have a section in the Polity Newsletter specifically for sophomores to gain information. "I think that since the sophomore population is equal to that of the juniors

and seniors I believe that they should know that they have a voice on this campus," said Bruzzese.

Tom Pye and Maxine Douglas are running for Polity vice president. Pye said he would have to educate students on the activity fee and how it is used. "They [the students] expect to have someone that will protect them from the administrators," said

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Polity candidates debate

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Pye. "They need someone that will guide them..." Pye said he plans to stay "on top of administration" if he is elected, so the administration doesn't take advantage of the students.

Douglas said she was worried that Stony Brook is no longer an accessible campus because of the tuition hikes. She said she wants to see more students get involved in fighting the hike. "I find it hard to believe no one can motivate the students," said Douglas. She said she wants students to realize that they have power. "As vice president... I intend to advocate you."

Joachim asked the candidates why little action has been taken after Polity-sponsored events such as the Save SUNY rally and the parking protest. Pye said the problem was that administration was talking to the Polity representatives as friends and "we were accepting them with open arms," said Pye. "But when the time comes for action they are no where to be found." Pye said he plans to see things through next year if he is elected.

Douglas said the reason things were not followed through was due to lack of information. "The average student doesn't know what SUNY day is or what the rallies were about," said Douglas.

The candidates for president, secretary, and junior representative are running unopposed. One of the candidates for senior representative, Manny Nunez, could not attend the debate. Therefore only one candidate, Tony Vitale, was present.

Vitale based his platform on making senior week the best week of the seniors' life. "I want to make senior week the most

memorable week for you," said Vitale "I want to direct everything for the seniors."

Christine Tracy, who is running unopposed for junior representative, said she is concerned about the lack of communication between students and Public Safety. She said students need to know everything that is going on because they are concerned about safety on campus. "We have to have a student representative to attend all Public Safety staff meetings," said Tracy.

Wendy Wohlman is running for Polity secretary unopposed. She said she would like to see a decrease in student apathy and that she will do "everything possible to enlighten students" by attending their LEG meetings and increasing distribution of the Polity Newsletter. "I've seen the power students do have when they become involved," said Wohlman.

Polity President Dan Slepian is running unopposed in the presidential election. Slepian said the Polity president needs to be the "ultimate student advocate." "There is a lot of hypocrisy at this university and students need to know about it," said Slepian. Slepian said he feels all fees should be covered by financial aid. In response to a question concerning the Student Activity Fee is too high Slepian said, "I don't think the fee is too high. It's the most important fee students pay because it's for the quality of life at Stony Brook."

The debate, which was sponsored by *Statesman*, was mediated by Marc Gunning, a residence hall director in Dewey College. The panel consisted of Andrews, *Statesman* Sports Editor Sandra Carreon, Joachim, *Statesman* News Editor Toni Masercola, Liam McGrath, Steve Shapiro, and The Stony Brook Press' Scott Skinner.

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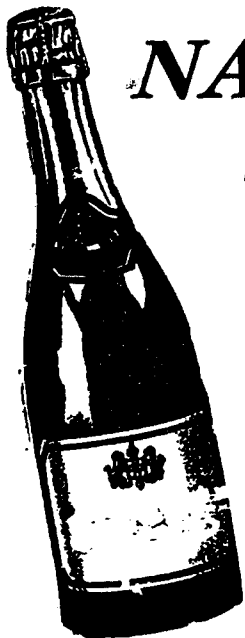
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DAKA out as campus food contract

By Raymond Iryami
Statesman Staff Writer

A Faculty Student Association board of directors is expected not to renew its contract with the Dining and Kitchen Administration (DAKA) by the recommendation of an FSA committee.

Polity President Dan Slepian told the Polity Senate last night there is a "99 percent" chance FSA will choose the Automated Retailers of America, Inc. (ARA) after he and other committee members reviewed the bids and sampled their products. The contract is expected to contain a four year deal, with an option for a fifth year, according to an FSA source.

This action would end DAKA's nine year service at SUNY Stony Brook. Steve Andrews, the district manager for DAKA said, "We were disappointed. We feel left out." He added, "We hope it's a good decision for the University."

The FSA did consider renewing DAKA's contract. Five companies presented complete presentations in response to the University's "Request for Proposal." The bidders were Marriott Hotel, Wood Co., Lackman, DAKA, and ARA.

According to Robert Kerber, president of FSA, "Four of the five proposals were basically good ones." He would only add that DAKA's bid was among the group of four. Kerber believes DAKA's performance has improved. He said, "This year, DAKA has been doing a much better job."

Sources involved in the bidding were reportedly disappointed with presentations made by Marriott and DAKA.

Each of the five prospective contractors was evaluated by a committee of nine faculty members and students. The criteria included price affordability, diversity in food types, menu variety, "corporate environmental awareness and recycling program", and appropriate business hours to meet the needs of students.

Apparently, ARA impressed the group with its proposal. According to Kerber, "The evaluation team is essentially unanimous."

According to ARA, 24 campuses in the Northeast are served by the company. The list includes Boston University, Hofstra University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, St. John's University, and Wesleyan University.

ARA said its goal is to "maintain a high level of

clientele by increasing awareness of dining option to the SUNY Stony Brook community." The company has proposed several other changes at various locations of food services. Some of these include, the redesigning of Kelly Cafeteria to speed traffic flow, expanded hours and availability of "fresh-baked" sicilian pizza at the Humanities Cafeteria, and "Early-Bird" 10% discounts to diners at the End of the Bridge, to combat overcrowding at late night hours.

These ideas were part of the ARA proposal but are not yet included in the contract.

The most important issue in the decision was price, said Slepian. According to Andrews, DAKA had offered to keep its rates stable for the fiscal year '91-'92. ARA, however, has offered rates of about 20% less for the same period, he said.

Though Kerber was unable to confirm the price cut in the contract, he did say the price would not be increased during the coming school year. He added that ARA did offer the lowest price.

Kerber said paper plates, trays and plastic will be replaced in the Union by washable ones, similar to the ones already in use in the dormitory cafeterias for environmental reasons. However, Kerber warned, "These changes will not occur overnight."

One of the elements of food service that will not change due to the change in contractor, is the status of current food services employees. They are members of United Industry Workers, and any contractor is required to honor their contracts, said Kerber.

Slepian told the Senate he is concerned that ARA has not yet included alcohol service for the End of the Bridge restaurant, which currently serves alcohol. He said he would not be in favor of a dry Bridge and said that he will make sure the present policy continues. "There will be alcohol at the Bridge," he said.

The FSA board of directors is scheduled to vote on the contract Tuesday. DAKA's contract expires at the end of June of this year. ARA would begin service on July 1, 1991.

Slepian said that FSA plans to start the transition before the end of May.

Commuter elections cancelled

Commuter Student Association canceled its elections Tuesday after Polity instructed CSA to revamp its election bylaws.

According to CSA President Lee Wiedl, Polity has determined that CSA election bylaws are too vague. Therefore, it decided to postpone annual elections for officers until the fall, when, according to Wiedl, CSA will rework its bylaws, ensuring a more efficient electoral process.

Under the previous election guidelines, candidates were not clearly informed of "exact" campaign procedure and their actions were "subject to their own interpretation," said Wiedl.

Wiedl dismissed any connection between the cancellation of the CSA election and yesterday's dis-

qualification of Common Sense party candidates. While Common Sense is barred from electioneering, Wiedl, who was running for Polity vice president under the Common Sense ticket, is still campaigning, he said. "What happened to Common Sense was terrible. Yet, I still am aggressively planning strategy, following through on a pursuit for enhanced student life," said Wiedl.

CSA Election Board Chairman Patrick Aro and Polity Election Board Chairperson Annette Garner were unavailable for comment.

CSA will form a committee under the direction of Aro to assess the election process. "We are committed to improving the commuter experience. That takes competent leadership," said Wiedl.

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Uncontested Races Are Not Democratic

Next Tuesday, students will be expected to exercise their right to vote in the Polity elections. But this week's disqualification of six candidates makes this democracy look like a joke.

The disqualifications of the Common Sense party left half of the races for office uncontested. In other words, we will not have a choice. The candidates for president, junior class representative, and secretary can sit back and watch the other three offices sweat it out.

During this time of year, we ordinarily see incumbents running for re-election walking around, talking to students, and trying to see what is on students' minds. But now at least two of them don't have to. They reserve the right to just ignore us.

But all of this could have been avoided with just a little planning by Polity.

Why were there just two candidates for many

offices? Why were so few students interested in serving as a Polity officers?

Perhaps there are students who would have been interested had they known the petitioning process was underway. In past years, Polity has seemed to take extra effort in the process by publicizing the petitioning and its deadline. This year, nobody seemed to know what was going on, except those in Polity and Common Sense.

Is this any way to run a democracy? Should Polity rely on word of mouth to draw people in? If so, we are caught in an elitist, cliquish system, by which students are only involved if they know "the right people."

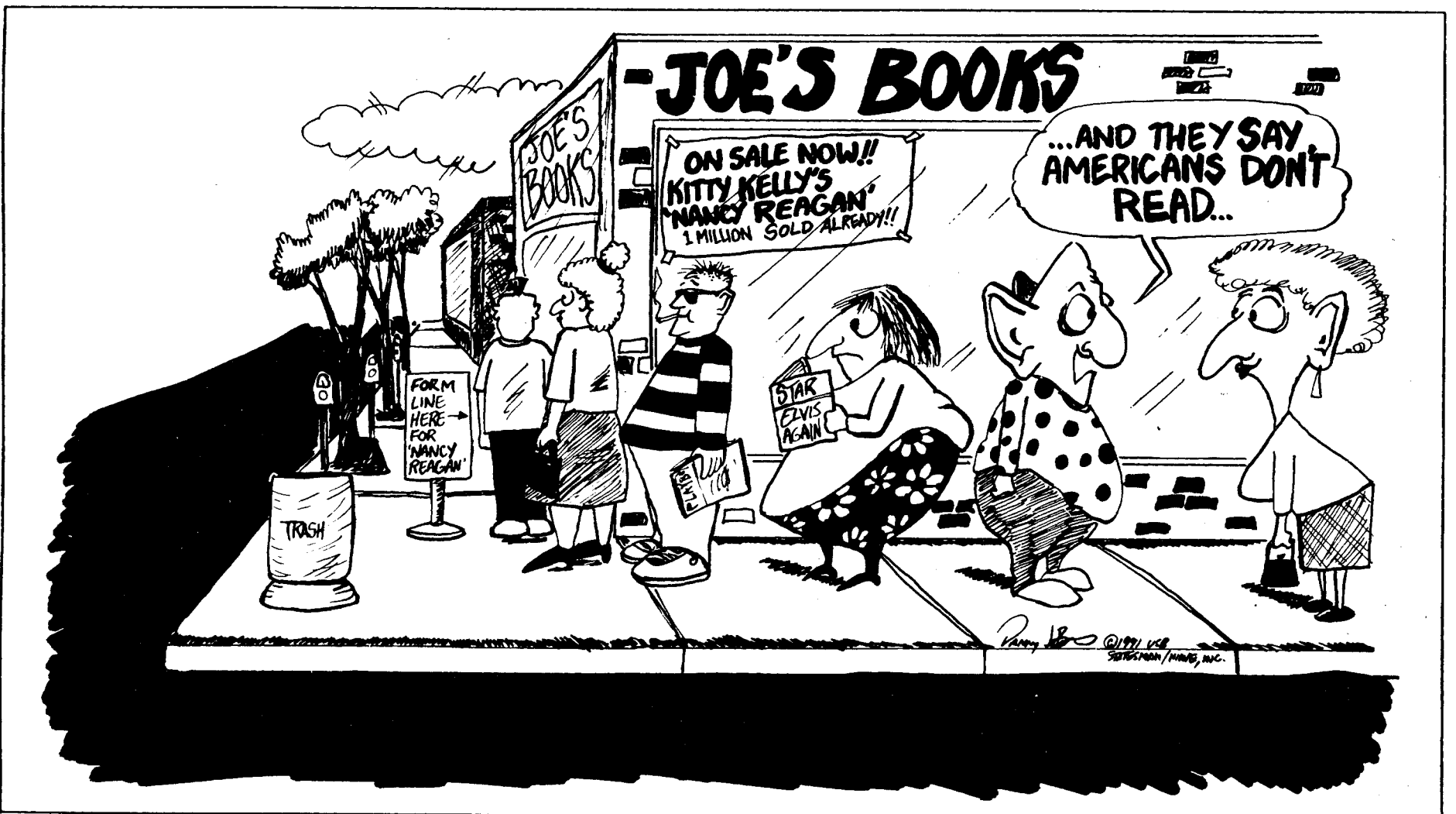
Much of this may have been helped by addressing the Common Sense issue before the petitioning process started. If the party had known it was being disqualified, it may have dropped out. And if potential candidates saw a better

chance of winning, or were inclined to run because only one candidate was running, we may have seen more interest in candidacy.

And although Polity is required to publicize the process and its deadline, the election board seemed lax this year in getting the message out to students.

As it stands, we have little choice. We can either accept the three uncontested candidates, or try for the impossible: write-ins. Although the write-in is normally reserved for Mickey Mouse, this year you can bet they'll be more.

Of course, there is little that can be done about the existing damage. But maybe it would be wise for Polity to establish more involvement in Polity, so it would be possible to have three or four candidates for every office. Maybe then we wouldn't have political parties attempting to take over the government by force.



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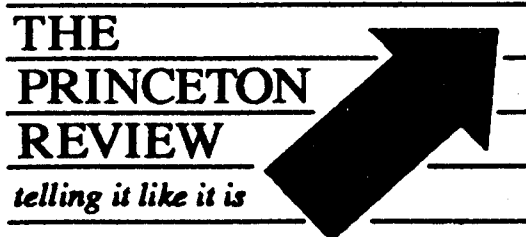
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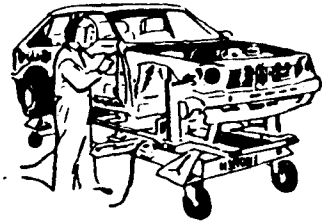
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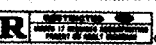
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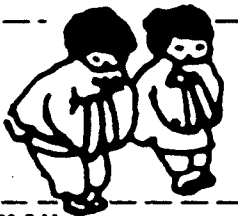
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Racioppi pitches way to honor

By John Carden
Statesman Softball Writer

Senior Traci Racioppi of the Lady Patriots Softball team was voted Athlete of the Week for April 1-7.

In this span, Racioppi helped the Lady Pats in achieving a record of five wins and no losses including wins from New Paltz, Manhattanville, and Albany.

Because of darkness, Racioppi only threw for five innings against New Paltz. However, New Paltz coaches were very happy to get out of this Patriot ballpark as Racioppi pitched a one-hitter, leading them to a 4-1 victory over the New Paltz Lady Hawks.

Thursday, April 4, proved to be yet another great day for Racioppi pitching as she led in the 16-4 slaughter over Manhattanville. Racioppi also helped a great deal on the offensive, hitting 4-for-5, with three RBIs and a homerun. Racioppi then recorded her second win and the Lady Pats' third win for the season.

Racioppi struck once again against Albany on Saturday, April 6, in a doubleheader. Racioppi led the team with an excellent performance, pitching a five hit shut-out against the Great Danes with a score of 16-4. Racioppi finished the week batting .625 with one homerun, six RBIs, and six runs scored.

Head coach Judy Christ feels that her pitcher deserved the award. "Traci does real good work." Sophomore third baser Jo-Anne Greggo agreed. Greggo thought Racioppi was "pretty strong offensively, and a solid pitcher defensively." Greggo stated that Racioppi gives the whole team a feeling of confidence when she's pitching.

Racioppi is looking forward to adding more wins to the team's record when they take on Queens Friday, April 13, and host Staten Island in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon at home.

Riders seek recognition

RIDING from back page

division. "Most people in administration don't even know about the team."

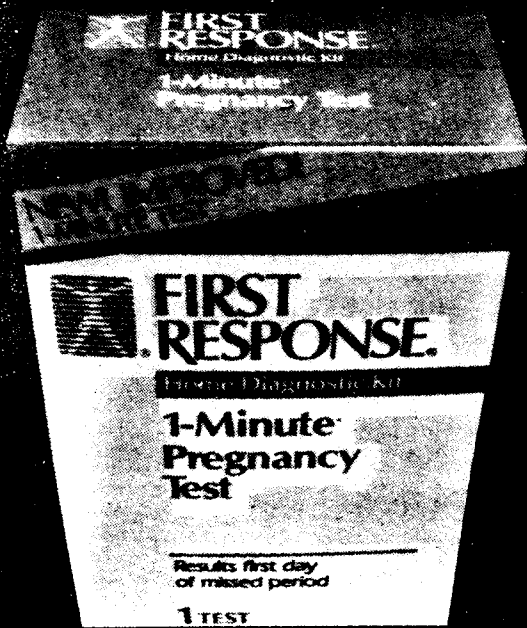
The team is officially listed as a club since it is a co-ed team. All students on campus can join and all skill levels are needed. George Lukemire is the coach and the driving force behind the team. "He's the reason the team is so good," said team member Kim Barry. "He keeps us relaxed and laughing."

They compete intercollegiately against Adelphi, Hofstra, C.W.Post, St. John's and other Long Island teams. The stable that Stony Brook uses is Smoke Run Farm, which is located only half a mile from the train station.

"We don't ride on campus, that's the big problem," said Rozelman. "But that shouldn't stop people from coming to watch."

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The Shoe Experiences Toughest Ride

ON MONDAY NIGHT, hall of fame jockey Willie Shoemaker was partially paralyzed in a one-car auto accident in Southern California. The 4-11 horse racing legend retired last year after a stellar 41-year career.

My memories of The Shoe extend back to when I was a teenager, after discovering the world of horse racing. I hadn't involved myself with the jockeys, preferring more the horses themselves. But Shoemaker stood out.

I remember Kentucky Derby Day 1986, when it was supposed to be an East versus West clash between Snow Chief and Badger Land, the two co-favorites. But it turned out that Ferdinand, trained by Charlie Whittingham and ridden by The Shoe, had the road to victory that day.

I remember watching the race on television, stunned as Shoemaker guided the bay colt to victory after he almost fell in mid-stretch. He had to pull four-wide to pass, and then held off a late-stretch rally by British-import Bold Arrangement. The Shoe was back.

He had won The Run for the Roses at the age of 54,

older than anyone who was ever victorious in the race, or anyone that had ever won a major championship of any kind.

The Shoe had new-found popularity, and was making the most of it. He gained mounts on top horses again. He was a hero.

Shoemaker retired last January at the age of 58 to begin life as a horse trainer, but I read that he missed the winds blowing in his face at 45 miles per hour. I figured he'd be back in the news soon.

When I picked up Wednesday's paper and read that he was drunk driving and was paralyzed, I was shocked. Let's just hope that he has the strength to recover from one of his few defeats.

Rantin' and Reaven



Eddie Reaven

While we're on the subject of horse racing, the Derby's only four weeks away, on May 4. This year's lot figures to be a more competitive group, since there are no standouts. Fly So Free, the east coast's hope, has annexed the Florida Derby, and is currently the early

favorite. If victorious, he would become the first 2-year old champion since Spectacular Bid in 1979 to win the Derby.

His main competition comes in the form of Dinard, named for an airport in Southern France. He won the Santa Anita Derby on Saturday, which has become a major stepping-stone for the Derby. Winning Colors, Sunday Silence and Ferdinand all played Santa Anita victories into Derby wins in three of the past five years.

Another main competitor is undefeated Meadow Star, last year's champion 2-year old filly. She is gunning to become only the fourth filly to win the Derby, and her chances will be greater if she wins the Wood Memorial on April 20, when she takes on colts for the first time in her career. Meadow Star has been called the greatest filly since Ruffian, who is considered the greatest filly who ever lived.

A possible contender is Best Pal, who was narrowly defeated by Dinard at Santa Anita, but insiders say he might pass up Louisville for the shorter Preakness on May 18. He doesn't have the stamina for long races, and will probably become a sprinter in much of the way Groovy did after the 1987 Triple Crown season.

In any case, the Run for the Roses will have as much anxiety as ever and the winner will become a living legend, becoming only one of 120 to win the title.

ISC to make soccer player registry

By Will Lunn
Special to Statesman

The National Soccer Hall of Fame and Museum with support from the Intercollegiate Soccer Association, is building soccer's National Collegiate Players Registry. This will be the first comprehensive national record of college soccer players past and present.

The National Soccer Museum is the home of the Herman Trophy which honors the best male and female collegiate soccer player each year in the United States.

Photographs of Herman Award winners and various other aspects of American Collegiate Soccer are on display in the Museum and will be expanded when the museum relocates to the National Soccer Campus, a 61-acre complex scheduled to be complete in 1994.

The Registry is being developed as a computerized exhibit for the collegiate section of the National Soccer Museum. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to locate and display collegiate players' names and basic statistics on a computer screen. Initially all players, men and women,

who played since 1950 will be included in the registry. A nationwide effort has been initiated to build the data base for the registry. Every college coach in the U.S. has been contacted.

The NHSOF's mission is to collect, develop and exhibit significant information relating to America's soccer history. The Collegiate players registry will document and highlight an important part of our rich soccer legacy.

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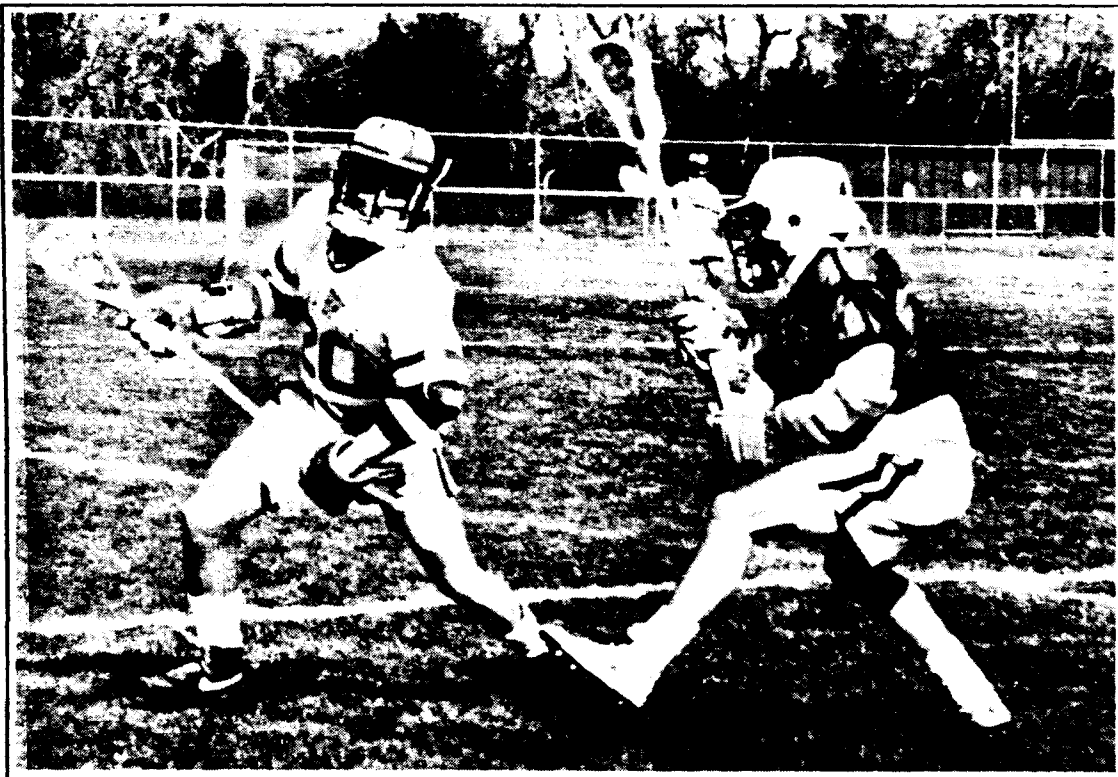
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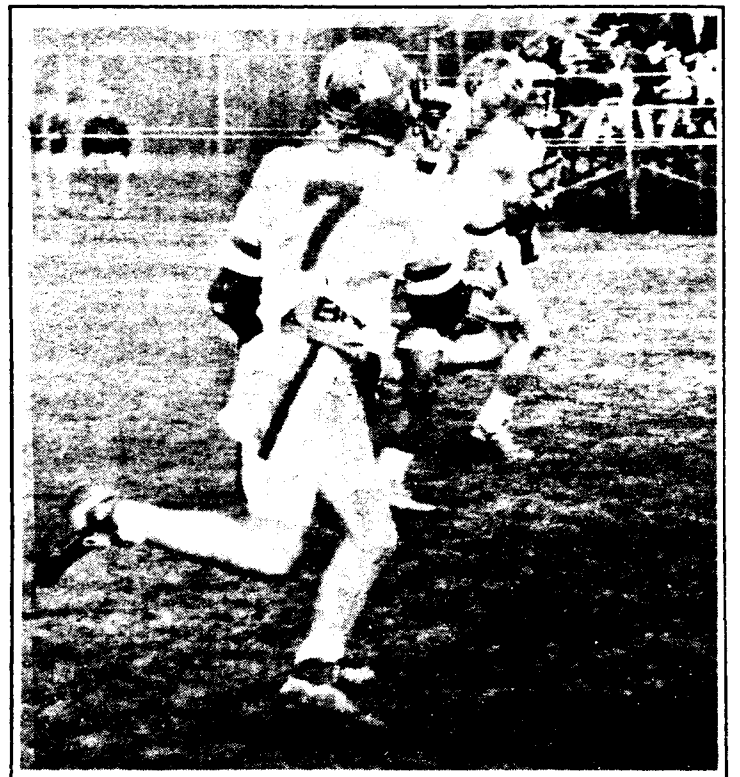
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Vs for victories



Ventura (20) dekes Lehigh defender.

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Vetter (7) stickhandles upfield vs. Dartmouth.

Statesman/Christopher Reid

Ventura, Vetter combine for 14 points in sweep

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Patriots Lacrosse team travelled to Denver for two games this weekend, hoping for at least a split, and came back home with a sweep instead.

The Pats left last Thursday morning at 5:00 AM and returned to campus Monday night at 11 PM. In that span, they managed to defeat the United States Air Force Academy, 11-9 and the University of Denver, 16-5.

The team had a scheduled 8:30 AM flight Thursday morning and arrived in Denver at 11:30, eastern daylight time, which is 9:30 mountain time. Head coach John Espey monitored his team's whereabouts throughout the trip and said, "I'm pretty happy with the way they conduct themselves on the road."

Freshman attackman Terence Vetter, who scored five goals and recorded two assists versus Air Force, explained, "We were all together . . . we played cards . . . watched TV . . . had an 11:00 curfew."

The extra strain upon the athletes away from home is understood by defenseman Paul Schultes who feels, "If we have to travel, it's worthwhile to go far. But otherwise,

we'd rather have all home games."

At Air Force, Espey said his team was outplayed despite the win. "Our goaltending was superb . . . We weren't really happy by the way we played the entire game." The coach admitted to his team committing several mental errors. "We did things wrong and maybe the travel and the weather were factors. But I expect us to overcome little problems like that."

The Patriots overcame Air Force Friday afternoon, an opponent that was hungry for revenge in light of last season's defeat to Stony Brook. Vetter keyed the offense with his seven points, his "biggest game, including high school," while goaltender Rob Serratore notched 18 saves.

Because the altitude in Colorado is different from the one the players are accustomed to, it was easier to "lose wind." In order to help this situation, "Espey was rotating everybody in to keep the guys from getting tired and losing their breath," said Vetter.

After the Air Force match, the team switched locations and hotel rooms to square off against the University of Denver. Sophomore midfielder Lou Ventura garnered seven points with his four goals and three assists. Serratore,

sticking true to form, shut out Denver in the second half and consummated another spectacular performance with 19 saves.

Coming into this contest, the team was a little apprehensive because Air Force had beaten Denver before, and the team was dissatisfied with its showing against the Force. But coach Espey remarked that his team did the job defensively. Sparked by freshman Andrew Denning and sophomore Greg Freeland, the defense corps effectively contained the opposition by not allowing them to "sneak back into it," said Espey.

In this road trip, the Pats had to cross over time zones and acclimate themselves with the change in altitude. They managed capably and have thus fortified their season record to an impressive 6-1, an .857 winning percentage. The Patriots resume play — on the road again — this Saturday afternoon versus Hartford. "We can't look past Hartford [to the Duke and North Carolina series on the 20th] just because we beat them handily last year. They're similar to us . . . And they're pretty good."

Vetter concurs: "We have to win against Hartford to show that we're no fluke."

Riders: Team receives award, but no recognition

By Shannon Trombino
Statesman Contributing Sports Writer

The Stony Brook riding team finished first in the region for the 13th year in a row Sunday, which will allow the entire team to attend the nationals April 21.

"It's depressing when no one knows especially after the big wins," said Rachel Gilligan, a two-year member.

"I'd say that most of us on the team don't get upset anymore," said Jill McCormack, a junior who joined the team this year. "We do it for ourselves and the team. That's the way it's supposed to be."

Three final groups of riders were separated by skill level and were determined by the day's earlier elimination rides. Stony Brook walked away with three ribbons. In

division nine, the second highest division, Monica Lucci placed first. In division two, Helen Rozelman placed third. And in division one, Rachel Gilligan also placed first.

The winners were greeted by shouts, cheers and congratulations — praises that they deserve.

Back on campus, it was a different story. "It's very aggravating that no one is

aware of us," said Lucci. "You get used to it though. My roommates and friends come to the shows and that helps."

"I'd guess that about 30 students besides the members know about us," said Lisa Lukemire, a fourth-year veteran who placed second nationally in the highest

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