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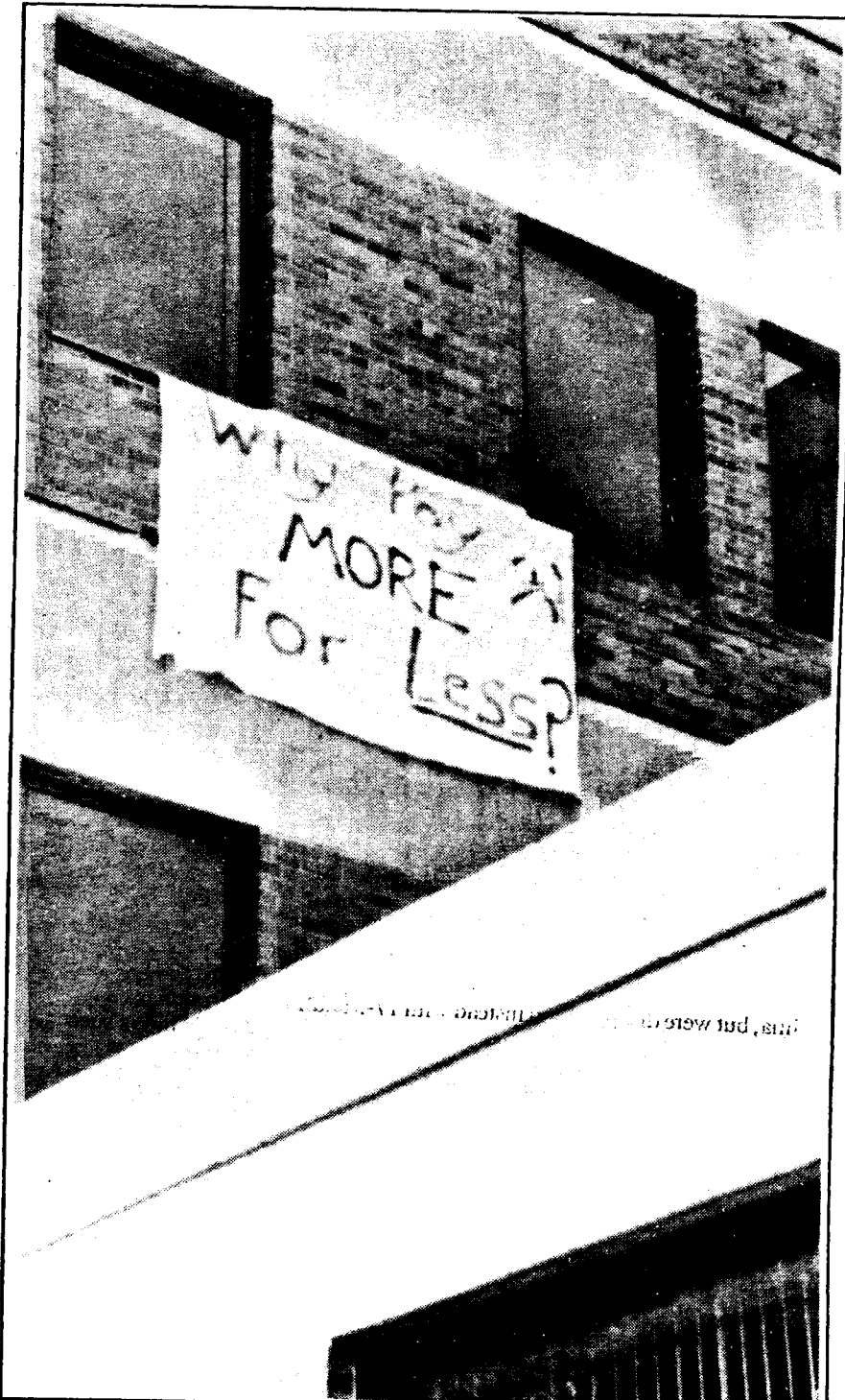
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'We Mean Business'



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Banner hanging out of the president's office after yesterday's takeover.

Unknown protestors seize president's office

By Toni Masercola
Statesman News Editor

Students and staff members took over University President John Marburger's suite yesterday morning symbolizing that they will not accept the proposed state budget cuts.

The takeover occurred at approximately 8:00 am, according to the protestors, who wish to remain anonymous until they leave the building in case there is a possibility that they will be faced with criminal and disciplinary charges for their actions. The group is only being referred to as the SUNY/Stony Brook Chapter of the Students Unified for a Responsible Budget.

"We are sworn to secrecy and anonymity," one protestor told *Statesman* through the door of the office. No names or numbers of individuals occupying the office are being released because of security reasons, according to another protestor.

The group, who says it is fighting for the rights to receive reasonable levels of financial aid and the right to an affordable education with ample staff and faculty support, gained control over the office when a custodian was inside cleaning up yesterday morning, according to Dan Forbush, associate vice president for University News Services, which is how they were able to obtain entry without a fight from administration. The protestors told *Statesman* that the takeover was something they had been planning carefully for days.

"We have got to seize this opportunity to prove to our government that we mean business," said one member of the group.

"A disaster is going to occur if the budget, in its present form, is passed," said one protestor, a non-student, who served as spokesperson for the group when it came to communicating with

administrators.

Although the protestors were not able to speak directly to Marburger because he, according to his wife, Carol, left for a scheduled meeting in Washington yesterday, Fred Preston vice president for Student Affairs told them that Marburger did not object to their protest.

The demonstrators wrote in a formal letter to Marburger that they will only occupy the office for 48 hours. "We felt we'd take a limited action," said the spokesperson, who said the reasons for this decision were to make it easier on administration to support them for a limited time and to prove their solidarity with the CUNY and SUNY students who have taken over buildings and entire universities in opposition to the proposed tuition hikes.

"The Administration building is ours," said one demonstrator. "Why shut it down?"

"We totally support our CUNY and SUNY brothers and sisters who have placed themselves in much more compromising positions," said another protestor.

Since the occupation protest is limited to 48 hours the group said it does not demand that all their goals be met during that time, but says it stands in solidarity with CUNY and SUNY protestors who are involved in indefinite occupations to pressure for their demands. The goals include: no SUNY budget cuts, no tuition hike, no Tuition Assistance Program or state-fund scholarships cuts and reintroduction to the Liberty Scholarship Program, no new fees, greater student involvement in budgetary decisions at Stony Brook, progressive state tax reforms as proposed by the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative

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Students address Public Safety arming issue

By Adam Wiener
Statesman Staff Writer

The controversial issue of arming Public Safety officers was confronted in an open forum yesterday in the auditorium of the Student Union.

Public Safety Director Richard Young and Assistant Director James Lang were the two members, among a panel of five, involved in a discussion with students, faculty and administrators.

According to Public Safety officials one of the major topics of discussion is if a confrontation comes about and there is a weapon on the scene, campus police officers are required to leave the scene immediately and call in the Suffolk County Police Department. The campus police say that they can be on the scene in two to three minutes as opposed to an off campus agency that may take approximately 20 minutes to respond to a call.

"When you call in an outside agency you lose all control of how that case will be handled," said Lang.

The students' main concern was that the campus is relatively safe now and if Public Safety acquire hand guns this may only result in increased violence or careless accidents. The question was raised if Public Safety has the confidence of the campus community, as it stands now, according to the various students and faculty there is no sense of confidence in Public Safety on this campus.

During the discussion one student stood up and asked the audience if anyone was in favor of arming the campus police, one person raised his hand.

A group of students from the Red Balloon Collective jumped up on the stage and held out a banner that read, "Give Public Safety guns? They don't even deserve badges."

According to Young, the main reason he wants the campus police to possess hand guns is for their own safety against death threatening attacks. Young said, in order to better prepare the officers for the use of hand guns they would go through intense sensitivity training and take periodical psychological examinations.

According to Professor Alfred Goldhaber, chairman of the University Senate Committee on arming public safety, no steps will be taken to arm the campus police until the Campus Senate Committee, at the request of University President John Marburger, recommends an alternative.



Statesman/David Joachim

Side window of this truck, which was in the impound lot in South P lot, is smashed in.

Impounded Cars Vandalized

The week started with a burglary. On April 15, 1991, a computer and cash was stolen from C wing in Langmuir College, H Quad. The next day there was an attempted suicide in Hand College, Tabler Quad. The student was taken to University Hospital.

Early in the morning on April 17 an anonymous caller told Public Safety he heard gun shots in Roth Quad. Public Safety checked out the scene but nothing was found. Later that morning, a complainant reported an unknown subject removed a tire from his car in South P lot.

Unknown persons put a vehicle on top of another vehicle, side by side, in North P lot on April 18. In Old H lot, a few cars had their windows smashed and an unknown subject broke a window in Social Behavior Sciences.

A bunch of youths were throwing things from the roof of the Administration garage on April 20. Public Safety went to the scene but the youths were gone on arrival.

The North Entrance gates were damaged and

unsecurable early in the morning on Sunday, April 21. Repairs were to follow shortly. Later that morning a computer and stereo was stolen from C wing in Langmuir College, H Quad. To end the day, two vehicles were damaged in the Infrimary parking lot.

Many vehicles were broken into on April 22. In the Impound lot, four cars were found with broken windows and two of the cars had their radios stolen. In Kelly, another vehicle was found with a broken window. Computer equipment was also stolen today from the Health Sciences Center and the Life Sciences building.

On April 24, tires were taken from a car in the Kelly Gravel lot. And, in James College, H Quad, a wood post was put through a win-

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Slepian takes fourth term; Common Sense swept

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Polity President Dan Slepian will take his fourth term as a Polity officer next year, as the Common Sense party claimed no victories in the Polity elections Tuesday.

The party ran six candidates for office after a controversial Polity decision disqualified five of them two weeks ago, none of whom won their respective campaigns. They were all reinstated with an apology from Election Board Chair Annette Garner less than a week later, and the elections were postponed a week.

Slepian, who claims his second consecutive presidential win, almost doubled his opponent's votes to beat Common Sense candidate Keith McLaren. Slepian received 976 votes, McLaren 489.

The vice presidential race resulted in a runoff, to be held next week, between Tom Pye and Maxine Douglas. Common Sense candidate Lee Weidl, who received 408 votes, fell 27 short of Douglas' 435 votes. Pye got 598 votes.

Wendy Wohlman, presently the Polity receptionist, claimed victory in the secretarial race. Ary Rosenbaum, the Common Sense candidate, failed to get half of Wohlman's 861 votes. He received 416.

Manny Nunez, who faced Tony Vitale and Ron

Nehring, will take the senior class representative position next year. Even with three candidates running, he succeeded in preventing a runoff by receiving 364 votes to Nehring's 147 and Vitale's 116. (Candidates must receive more than 50 percent of the vote to prevent a runoff.)

Christine Tracy, the incumbent sophomore class representative, claimed victory in the junior rep race against Common Sense candidate Steve Mauriello. Tracy nearly tripled her opponent's votes, 275 to 108.

Two sophomore rep candidates, Nadia Chanza and Ken Bristow, will compete in a runoff after receiving 115 and 106 votes respectively. Sherryann Schomber, the Common Sense candidate, missed a runoff by 42 votes,

with 73. And Polity Senator Vincent Bruzzese received 20 percent of the vote with 65.

In the race for Student Association of the State University (SASU) delegate, Desiree Peterson and Todd B. Stephens won with 681 and 638 votes respectively. Martine Hall fell short with 452 votes.

Running unopposed, Stephens was the top vote-getter in the election as he claimed the United States Student Association (USSA) delegate position with 1196 votes.

The Student Activities Board, Student Security, and academics referenda all passed, bringing the student activity fee up to \$137.

Runoff elections will take place next Tuesday.

Protestors in pre-trial hearing

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The attorney for Emmanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune of the Haitian Student Organization began his case yesterday calling several witnesses on the defendants' behalf.

The hearing in Hauppauge District Court was the result of Attorney Henry O'Brien's motion to the court for "dismissal in the interest of justice" of the second degree

riot charges against the two students, said O'Brien. If he is successful in proving to the court that the students had proper motivation and acted in good faith during the Dec. 4 blood drive melee, the case will be dismissed, he said.

Although O'Brien has subpoenaed University President John Marburger, he could not attend the preliminary hearing. Marburger, whose testimony is crucial to the

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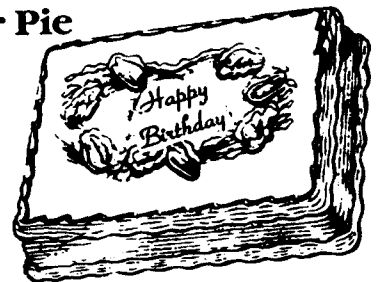
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This column is part of a series by various professionals from the Student Health Service.

The LIFE Column

Marie O. Santiago

behaves like "Pac-man": it gobbles up and dissolves the cholesterol deposits that form in the blood vessels around the heart, which is a major cause of heart attack.

C. Be aware of how much salt you are consuming; remember that ketchup, sodas, canned foods, and cold cuts all contain hidden salt.

D. Daily Food Intake:

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Four servings of fruits and vegetables

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Meat/Protein — 1 serving = 6 oz. 1/2 cup cooked beans or 1 egg = 1 oz meat

Grains (pasta, rice, potatoes) — 1 serving = 1/2 cup

Fruits/ Vegetables — fruit should be medium in size, or if diced, 3/4 cup.

Vegetables — 1 cup raw, leafy or 1/2 cup other types.

Fats should be limited to 30% of total calories. This is only a rough guide. The exact number of servings needed depends upon a person's total calorie needs.

2) Water —

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3) Exercise —

Exercise helps your body to release chemicals (endorphins) which give you a feeling of physical and mental well-being. If you have a heart or chest condition or a bone or joint disease, or are in any doubt as to your condition, consult with the Student Health Service before initiating an exercise program. Never start an exercise regimen without finding out how fit you are. You can do this by counting personal pulse rate after mild exertion: run on the spot for 30 seconds, then take your pulse for 15 seconds and multiply by 4. When you

first begin to exercise, count your pulse rate every minute or so. If it is higher than your personal pulse rate, then you should rest until your pulse comes down. Exercise is not harmful for healthy people, as long as they go slowly.

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Protestors seize president's office

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Caucus, and full amnesty from any punitive actions on the part of the college for all students involved in the cause and other peaceful protests.

"We don't expect our demands to be met," said one protestor. "We do expect impact on students and on Albany."

Preston assured the protestors that they would be able to remain demonstrating in the office as long as the protest continued to be a peaceful one. "Since I've been here I've never suspended anybody for demonstrating peacefully and non-violently on campus," he said.

In a letter written by the demonstrators to Public Safety and Marburger the demonstrators stated that they signed an affidavit that says they will not tamper with anything for their own protection and they will show respect for university and private property in the office suite. With this affidavit, they requested that Public Safety not invade, arrest or suspend them.

"The students seem to be adhering to the affidavit," said Forbush.

A Public Safety officer, who wished to remain nameless, said, "I don't think they [the demonstrators] will do anything. They're promising they won't."

Demonstrators said they will be targeting legislators today by telephone service, where open lines have been given to the demonstrators. Other lines to the president's office were rerouted along with computer lines, according to Forbush, so the staff could conduct business as usual.

A written memo from Harry Snoreck, vice president for Campus Services, to the spokesperson for the demonstrators states: "As per our telephone conversation, this is to confirm that none of the president's suite telephone communications will be monitored."

The demonstrators said they need outside support for rallying and letter writing, but the spokesperson said, "Stony Brook is secondary to the goal to target legislature through the media to let people know we're dissatisfied with the budget."

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HSO defense calls character witnesses

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defense according to O'Brien, is expected to take the stand Monday.

Through the defense's witnesses, O'Brien said he was attempting to convince the court that there is widespread support for the students, the students have a peaceful nature, and they have been punished enough through their University sentence, which suspends Severe for one year and Valbrune for six months.

Prof. Leslie Owens, who teaches Africana Studies at Stony Brook, testified that he saw the confrontation between the "15 to 20" protestors and police officers. "Public Safety got in a group and pushed the students back," said Owens. He said

that Public Safety and Suffolk County police officers — who he said outnumbered the protestors — were the aggressors during the riot.

Owens also presented a letter to Marburger from the Africana Studies instructors, who collectively condemned the charges against Severe and Valbrune, and urged the University to drop the criminal charges. The letter was submitted as evidence for the defense.

When asked by Ruth O'Connor, Suffolk County assistant district attorney,

Owens said he did not know Valbrune and Severe until after the demonstration.

"So you don't know what they're capable of," said O'Connor. "I guess not," replied Owens.

Prof. Floris Cash, director of the Africana Studies program, testified that she

was "surprised" when she heard about the charges against Severe, who she said she

has known for two years. Severe, who took Cash's AFS 101 course last year, is "an outstanding student . . . [who is] interested not only in classes but in community organizations."

"He's the kind of student who stays after class," she said.

In the cross examination, O'Connor asked: "Were you present at the demonstration?"

"No," said Cash.

HSO Chairman Alain Moise told the court that the Food and Drug Administration ruling, which banned certain blood donations because of their high risk to the AIDS virus, was "devastating" to the Haitian community. In their protests, the Haitian protestors attempt to give blood to make a statement to the FDA, he said. Protests by the HSO and other Haitian organizations in the area have always been peaceful, he said.

He added: "They [Severe and Valbrune] are the two most peaceful members of the HSO."

O'Connor asked Moise if the protestors, who Moise said were trying to give blood, asked Public Safety officers at the scene if they could enter.

"No," Moise replied.

Liam McGrath, a former Polity senator and presidential candidate, told the court that he has known Severe and Valbrune for two and three years respectively. "They are very gentle people," he said. "They are personable . . . and well-liked by everyone they meet."

"Were you present at the riot?," asked O'Connor.

"No," said McGrath.

The case against Valbrune and Severe is "tearing the campus apart," Polity President Dan Slepian testified. He said the case has attracted "widespread" support, which led to a Polity resolution supporting the students' cause. The feeling among students is that they "were unjustly and unfairly accused . . . and the punishment was severe," said Slepian.

"I don't think students will stop until the charges are dropped," he said.

Slepian added that Severe and Valbrune are "quiet and personable."

O'Connor asked Slepian if he was present at the riot, to which he responded: "No."

After the witnesses were called, O'Connor presented to the court a revised version of the description of charges against Severe and Valbrune. The revisions include more detail about the incident.

Added to the description was: "[the two] in concert with approximately forty other individuals, amongst other acts threw gravel, rocks, umbrellas, books, and a can at Stony Brook police officers . . . and pushed down the barricades controlling the demonstration and pushed through the police line, striking, kicking and punching the officers . . . These actions did cause a grave risk of public alarm."

O'Brien said that the revision was made because the original description was not detailed enough to show rioting.

To conclude the defense's case, Marburger is scheduled to appear Monday at 2 pm in Hauppauge. After his testimony, the prosecution, led by O'Connor, will attempt to show why the case should go to trial.

"They are the two most peaceful members of the HSO."

— Alain Moise

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Editorial

Polity Should Reconsider Run-off Policy

The Polity elections Tuesday took a great deal of students' time and effort. The candidates as well as the ballot counters and poll watchers should be commended for their patience after such a confusing and intolerable election.

Now, after all that productive energy generated by the organizers and candidates was used for one election, we must now go through it again because some candidates did not qualify for their desired positions. The qualification is simply that a candidate must receive over 50 percent of the vote. Candidates for two offices — sophomore representative and vice president — did not qualify, and will be determined by next week's run-off election.

This qualification is absurd. Polity is practically saying to the students, "Thanks for coming, but you'll have to do it again." This is to say

that our vote was completely unappreciated. Why did we go out of our way to cast our ballots when we will have to do it again for two positions next week? If the same qualification was applied to city and state offices, we would be voting for most of our natural lives.

It seems that the policy for candidates gaining office should be re-evaluated. Why should this next election be any more accurate than Tuesday's? It seems the only difference will be that the few who voted for a third candidate will now have to settle for one of the two run-off candidates. This means we are denouncing these students' votes as invalid.

We may also assume that next week's run-off will draw fewer students to the polls. This may be because many of last week's voters were only inclined to cast their ballots for the referendums

and due to convenience, voted for the Polity offices.

Also, people may justify abstaining from next week's election with the argument that they already voiced their opinions once, so why do it again?

Yet another possibility is that fewer students will be informed about this added election, or even have the time to vote in the run-off. After all, we gave our time once.

Next week's run-off election should be viewed as a simple technicality. Although students are encouraged to restate their positions in this election, we should understand that future elections could be run more wisely by maximizing the time expended by all the contributors, and therefore not forcing us to endure this added bureaucracy.



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Opinions

What Do You Have Against Common Sense?

By Ary Rosenbaum

After reading David Greene's article in the April 22nd issue of *Statesman*, I have one question for the senator: what does he have against Common Sense? Greene says that the arrival of Common Sense has brought much discord to the campus. The real reason for the discord on campus is that a few narrow minded people like Senator Greene have continuously spread baseless rumors about our party.

The rumors spread by certain members of our student government and the cowardly producers of the fake flyers about Common

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Sense were aimed at discrediting the party. What are people like Greene afraid of? They are afraid Commonsense would return student government to where it belongs: the students. Greene and other members of Polity are afraid that they would lose their power at Polity. The most popular rumor about Common Sense is that we are a College Republican front group. Common Sense is not a front group for any organization on campus. The rumors of Common Sense being a College Republican front group were started because our opponents want to divide the campus. The second baseless rumor is that Common Sense wants to defund Cultural And Special Interest groups. We have continuously

supported increase for CSI groups. As a member of a CSI group, Hillel, I find these groups to be the backbone of student life at USB and they deserve more funding.

Greene forgets to mention a few facts in his article. Our disqualification a few weeks back was as a result of a complaint by the Senator. To this day, I do not know what Greene charged us with. The meeting at which we learned of our disqualification was a farce. Greene, not a member of the election board, controlled the entire meeting. The disqualification was later overturned.

Greene also talks about a Common Sense party in Wisconsin. The only similarity between the two organizations is

name. The Common Sense party at Stony Brook is not affiliated with any other Common Sense party. Greene spent a lot of time and effort to find out about the Common Sense party in Wisconsin. It also pains me to see Greene inject racism into these elections. He states that the Common Sense candidates could not represent the campus with five Caucasian males and one female. It is reprehensible for Greene to use race in a non-racial issue.

The Common Sense party was not able to win a council seat this year in a fraud-filled election. Greene and the rest of our adversaries should take note that Common Sense will be back next year, better than ever.

Clarification on the Philosophy of Objectivism

By Matthew Schmidt

I recently wrote an article which appeared in the "opinions" section of the April 8 edition of *Statesman*. Due to a misunderstanding, however, the article was shortened and edited in a way that caused me to become anxious. I am concerned that some concepts necessary for the coherency of the piece may have been omitted, and I would like to take this opportunity for clarification, especially in reference to the explanation of the philosophy of Objectivism.

My general intention in writing the article was to illustrate the fact that the political principles of both so-called "liberals" and "conservatives" are internally inconsistent. Furthermore, I wish to bring out the fact that both groups ultimately share the same principles in the more basal philosophical branches: metaphysics (the

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study of the fundamental nature of existence), epistemology (the study of knowledge), and ethics (morality). Both groups are metaphysically anti-reality and epistemologically anti-reason. In ethics, both groups advance systems based on altruism and self-sacrifice. Thus, their superficial political differences are without real basis, since political science is necessarily based on these other philosophical concepts.

As I tried to demonstrate previously, the philosophical system developed by Ayn Rand, objectivism, is the fundamental rational alternative to the idea system mentioned above. I think, however, some further explanation than was previously given is necessary for a somewhat coherent understanding of the philosophy.

Objectivism holds that reality is objective; in other words, the universe exists independently of human beings and is subject to natural laws of causality that cannot be changed by anyone's hopes or

desires. The only means mankind has of gaining knowledge and dealing with the world is through reason, with no recourse to divine revelation or subjective whims. This means a human being has to think to live. There are several other principles to be understood in the transition to ethics, but ultimately this translates into "rational egoism", the only moral code compatible with human life. This egoism, or "rational selfishness" as it is often called, does not entail the sacrifice of others for the benefit of the self; in fact, it does away with the idea of sacrifice altogether. Objectivist ethics simply state that an individual has the right to his own life, and that pursuit of one's own happiness is a moral quest, not a guilty accepted necessity. No unchosen obligations or duties are recognized in regards to others, except to respect their individual rights. Does this mean that other human beings are of no worth to an individual? Of course not. In fact, only when one accepts his own right to exist can he

truly value, and act benevolently towards other people. All of this necessarily leads politically to the advocacy of pure laissez-faire capitalism, which now has a proper moral basis: the right of each individual to exist and pursue his values without interference from others. This pure capitalism has never existed on earth, and means that the only proper (and necessary) function of the government is the protection of individual rights. It has no right to intrude into the affairs of individuals in any other realm, including economics. (It should be noted here that Objectivism should not be confused with the political movement called Libertarianism, which denies the necessity for any consistent philosophical basis for anything.)

In this context, my final paragraph makes a lot of sense: the real choice is reason, happiness, individual rights, freedom and prosperity vs. mysticism, self-sacrifice, mob rule, slavery, and misery.

Asian Women Must Overcome Stereotypes

By Yi-Wen Chen

The play, *Miss Saigon*, a tragic love story set at the end of the Vietnam War, is about a young Vietnamese virgin who becomes a prostitute, serving U.S. Marines as her only means of survival. She falls in love and is impregnated by her first soldier. Unexpectedly, her lover and his unit are sent home; this leaves her alone to take care of herself and the unborn child she carries. Doing what she has to do to survive, she sells the only thing she has left, her body.

This play capitalizes on unfortunate circumstances of the Vietnam War: young Vietnamese girls who lost everything they'd ever had, everyone they'd ever loved and known, to a war; Vietnamese women, young and old, selling the sole thing that they owned, their bodies, to foreigners fighting in their country, just to feed and clothe themselves. Survival was the key and prostitution was the only way they knew to obtain and maintain it.

Asian women turned prostitutes are results of wars such as that in Vietnam and Korea. These women were unfortunate, calamitous, ill-fated products of history, and these plays and movies of today exploit them.

However historically accurate and successful these plays and films may be, it

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does not justify the negative stereotypes about Asian women that arise from their portrayals. Being a young Asian woman of modern American society, I am a victim of individuals who cannot distinguish between the past and present after watching these shows.

In fact, there exists a faction of men who do not realize that what may have been true in the portrayals of Asian women in those time frames, is far from the truth about Asian women in today's time frame. Many times I hear non-Asian males using lines such as: "I find myself very attracted to Asian girls. I think they are so different, so exotic," or "I prefer Asian girls to White or Black girls because they are more soft-spoken, more submissive."

I feel neither flattered nor complimented by comments of this type. In fact, I resent them because they are racially and sexually discriminatory towards Asian women.

These stereotypical characteristics of the Asian woman are not true anymore; the Asian woman is not weak, compliant, dependent, or uneducated as is depicted in plays and movies. She is intelligent, strong, and capable of being independent; she lives in an era where it is possible to obtain a full education to become a competent, independent, self-sufficient individual; she lives in an era that does not limit her to the extreme choices available to her ancestors.

She has no boundaries to her options, and she is capable of intelligently making decisions.

The Asian woman of the past was symbolized by characters of prostitution. The Asian woman of the present must

overcome these stereotypes and fight the problem with her intellect, rationality, and knowledge. It is only in this manner that the ignorance will subside and eventually die, allowing us to live at peace with our gender and race.

Troops Rally Rescheduled

By Michelle Pipia

The Commuter Student Association at SUNY Stony Brook has rescheduled the "Voices that Care — Salute to the Troops" Rally to Wednesday, May 1, 1991 at the Fine Arts Plaza from 12:40p.m. - 2 p.m. (The event had to be rescheduled due to the inclement weather on April 17th.)

Once again, the purpose of the rally is to welcome our troops home and give support to those who are still serving in the Gulf. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members will sing together "Voices that Care" on the steps of the Fine Arts Plaza. *Michelle Pipia is the Programming Chair of the Commuter Student's Association.*

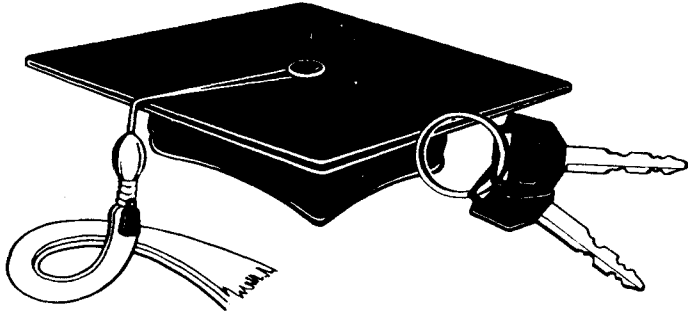
Plaza, as a tribute to our troops. This part of the rally will be video-taped and sent to the troops who are still serving overseas. It's important to remember that although the war is over, there are still thousands of our troops over there and those who need our support.

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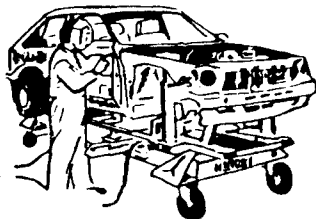
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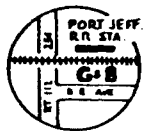
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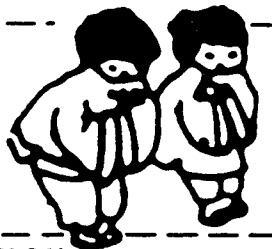
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Jean Massillon

Massillon runs into award

By Bob Orlando
Statesman Sports Writer

Jean Massillon of the Men's Outdoor Track team has been named Athlete of the Week for April 15-21.

At the Lafayette College meet in Pennsylvania this past weekend, the senior runner qualified for the Division-III National Championships in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 14.0 seconds, shattering the old University record mark of 14.69, set in 1989.

"This definitely came as a surprise," said head coach Steve Borbet. "We were hoping that Jean would qualify for the nationals."

If this two-time All-American, who placed third in this year's Indoor National Championships, has a flaw in his hurdles, it is attacking the first hurdle. "This weekend, I had good reaction time to the gun," said Massillon. "I had some problems with my approach to the first hurdle and then I had to make up some time in the race."

The 14.0 is one-tenth of a second shy of the Division-I national qualifying time. "In the race, Massillon beat a Division-I transfer from Pittsburgh," said Borbet.

Massillon began competing in the hurdles in his senior year of high school, which is much later than most successful hurdlers. An unfortunate accident prevented him from becoming a Division-I runner. "I fell during the championship meet in my senior year and with that, my chances of going Division-I went out the window."

"I wanted to qualify early in the outdoor season so I could concentrate on my schoolwork," said the athlete of the week. "This season is so short that it is difficult to peak. In addition my training hasn't been consistent because of school."

The Nationals will be held at the Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio between May 21-5. Massillon and the coaching staff have set their goal for this meet: Becoming a national champion.

"He has an excellent chance to win the whole thing," said the coach. "Right now he owns the fastest time in the country [in Division-III]."

"Everything has to go right that day," said Massillon. "The weather, the warm-up and health are key factors in my success. I am going to give it all that I have."

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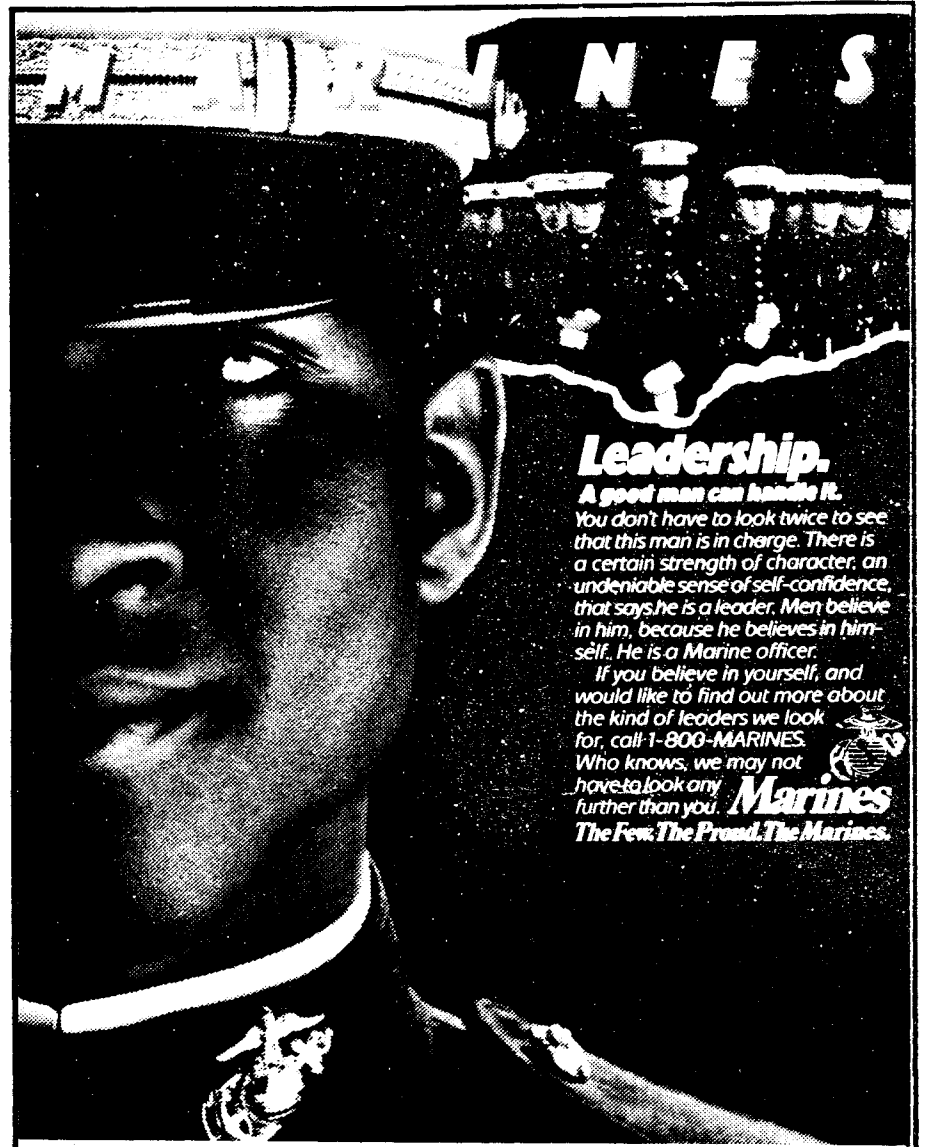
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Kortright right on the move at short

By Sandra B. Carreon
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Kenny Kortright of the Patriots baseball team possesses qualities that make good athletes. He has speed, soft hands, mobility, effort, a good attitude and determination.

Determination is the key to Kortright's excellent performance thus far this season. Coming off a knee injury that required surgery early in the fall, the sophomore shortstop is back in tip-top shape.

During a scrimmage game last season, Kortright chipped his joints sliding into third base. The rehabilitative period for him was three months. "I almost didn't play this year," said Kortright. "But luckily, Ray [Lacen] and J.P. [Maurin] pushed me to work hard and to come back. They

really boosted my confidence." That he was able to heal in time for the start of the season is a testament to his commitment. The shortstop worked at an off-campus fitness center with various machines, such as the life cycle and Cybex.

As a protector of the left side of the infield, Kortright does exactly what he has to do. He gives one-hundred percent everytime he steps out on the field. Defensively, he is among the best with a .888 fielding percentage. Pitchers are at ease when he's behind them. "He's solid in the field and turns the double play well," said senior pitcher Frank Jordan. Another pitcher, senior Bill Mena, added, "It's rare to see him make an error when he's out there."

Speed helps Kortright in getting to the balls which may appear "ungettable." He

has the ability to make the hard plays look easy. Speed also helps him in the batting order. As the lead-off man, Kortright looks up to Rickey Henderson. "I like him because he's fast." But because Henderson has publically declared he would not work as hard because of an impasse in contract renegotiations, Kortright is reluctant to admit that he patterns his play after the all-star outfielder. "I can't understand how a guy making three million a year be unhappy."

The Puerto Rican native and resident of Central Islip enjoys the shortstop position because "It's where the action is." His role commands focus. "You always have to be mentally in the game, because the shortsop is so involved," said Kortright.

Leadership goes hand-in-hand with



Kenny Kortright

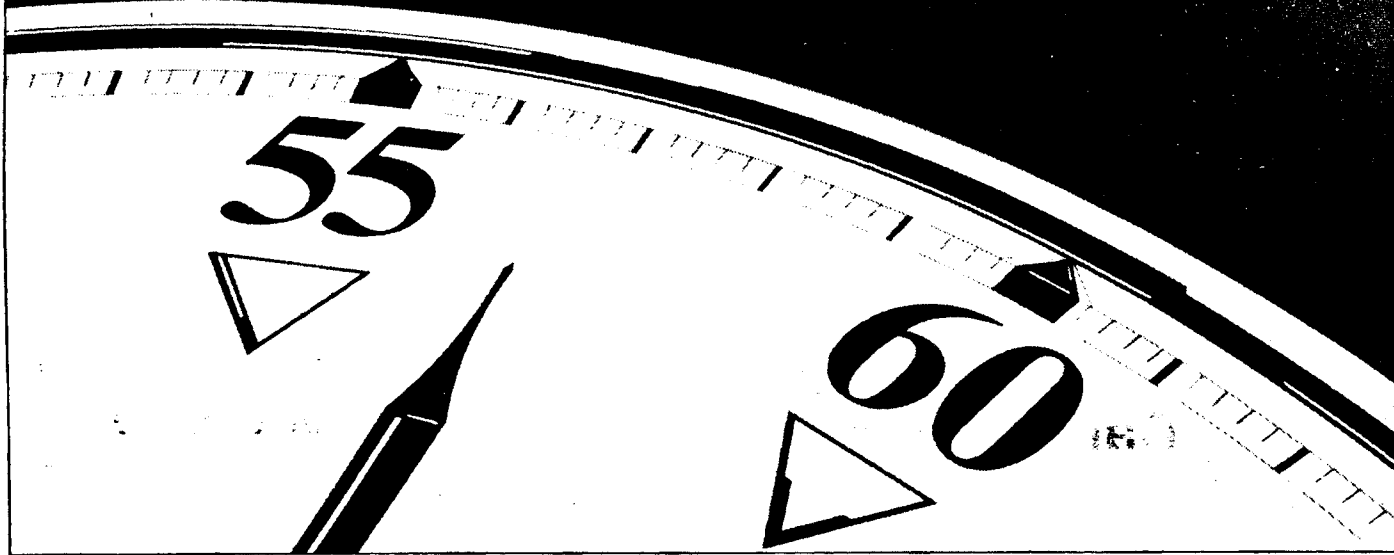
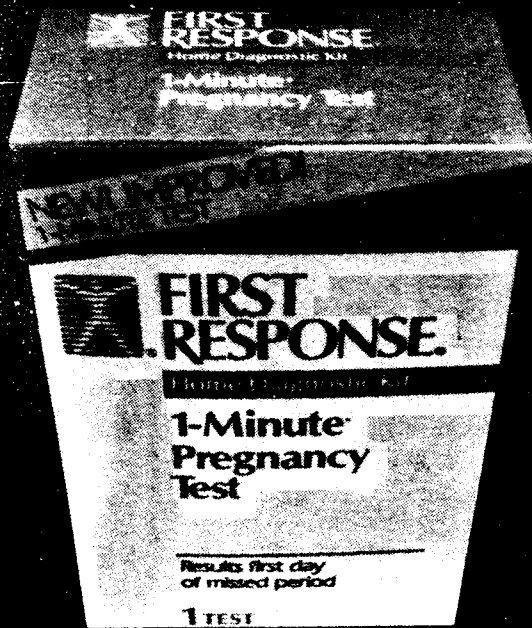
the pivotal position of short. Kortright helps his fellow infielders by talking to them in between pitches. He works in conjunction with second baseman Vinnie Autera to consummate the double play. "Vinnie has come a long way," Kortright says of his DP partner. "We work well together."

Kortright is excited about what the future holds for Stony Brook as far as baseball is concerned. He attributes the team's effectiveness to the excellent coaching of first-year head coach Matt Senk. "He's really turned the program around," said Kortright. "He has a positive attitude. He's dedicated, open to all the players. And he wants to win."

Offensively, he does the job as well. As the Patriots' lead-off hitter, Kortright is sometimes underestimated by opponents. He is currently hitting .320 with a .520 slugging percentage. He has nine RBIs, including one game-winning RBI through 13 games. On occasions, he shows off some power by taking the opposing pitcher's fastball to the wall.

His individual statistical success this season has in turn cemented the Patriots' overall team success. And for a man who doubted his ability to return from injury, Kortright illustrates the fruit of his labor just by recovering.

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The Sole Survivor of Division III

EVERYBODY LOVES an underdog. "Hopping on the bandwagon" is a popular phrase for fans that support a front-running team after years of being in the cellar. But last week, an underdog played its heart out, and no one had to hop on the bandwagon. This underdog was a winner even before its game.

The Patriot lacrosse team was a heavy underdog against two nationally-ranked teams, two teams that should have shelled the young team. But the Pats played admirably and gained much-needed respect in the lax world.

The Patriots lacrosse team travelled down south to North Carolina to take on Duke and UNC, two teams ranked 11th and 1st, respectively. No one expected an upset, but it wasn't needed.

Duke defeated the Pats 17-3 and North Carolina won just as handily, 19-2. But remember folks, these are the same Patriots that were playing SUNY-Albany a few years ago. But only one player remains from the

glory days of Division III — senior defenseman Steve McCabe.

"It's a far cry from the good, old days," he says with obvious sarcasm in his voice. "We were horrible back then."

Rantin and Reaven



Eddie Reaven

McCabe remembers taking on teams like Buffalo with guys who couldn't play. "There was only four or five guys who could actually catch the ball back then," he says.

He remembers the day Stony Brook announced it was going Division I. "I was so excited when I heard that," he said. "I never expected that."

But he never expected to be taking on teams the caliber of the ones they played this weekend. And obviously, their playing styles had to

change.

"Coach Espey told us that mistakes against Hartford, we can get away with; we can't get away with them against Duke or North Carolina."

And it seems that Stony Brook has a larger follow-

ing for their team than Duke or North Carolina do. "North Carolina had only about 100, 150 people at the game. It could also be that no one knew what Stony Brook was.

"And their stands were tiny. We played on small turf fields. Our stands were bigger than that. I was a little disappointed."

But still, the fact that he was playing a team like UNC thrilled him. "I'd much rather play a schedule like this. Coach Espey told us that he could make us a schedule that would have us going 18-0. But who wants that?"

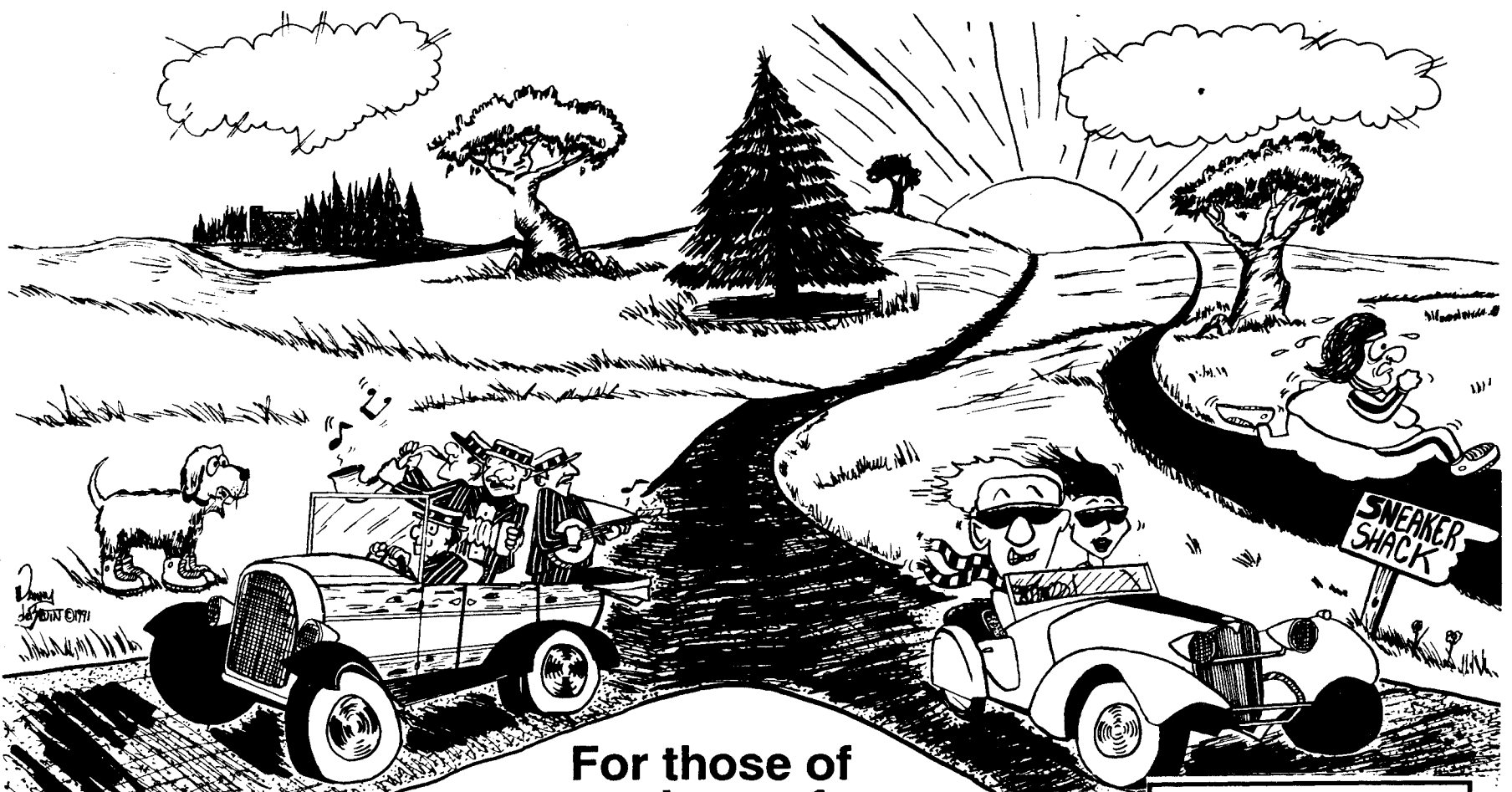
And he was quick to point out that Rob Serratore, the team's star goalie, saved the day. Literally.

"We would have lost 50-0 if not for him," he said. "He did an incredible job."

But even though he is graduating, 32 guys aren't. "Everyone here is a freshman or sophomore. When the freshmen here become juniors, look out. They're going to be awesome."

It takes a few years to get adjusted to playing the top-of-the-line teams, and the Pats are no exception. As Coach Espey told me last week, "I expect us to be nationally recognized in a few years."

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An all-too-familiar sight on Saturday.

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Laxmen lose and learn

Pats gain experience in combined 36-5 loss

By Dave Fallace
Statesman Lacrosse Writer

The Patriots lacrosse team was hoping for consecutive upset victories this past weekend at Duke and North Carolina, but were disappointed instead with 17-3 and 19-2 losses.

The Patriots met two nationally ranked teams, first the 11th-ranked Blue Devils then the top-ranked, undefeated Tar Heels. Despite the huge score disparity, the team learned this weekend the value of great goaltending; they had it in the person of Rob Serratore.

Will Scroggs, the former head coach at UNC and winner of three NCAA Championships and six ACC championships said "He [Serratore] is one of the best goalies I've seen so far." Dave Klarman, head coach of the Tar Heels, was also very impressed with Serratore's performance.

Serratore was peppered with shots throughout the game by North Carolina. North Carolina's powerful team took 83 shots on goal and only capitalized on 19 of them. Serratore was credited with 35 saves and awarded Tournament MVP honors.

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Head coach John Espey said, "It probably not only sets a record of saves in a game by a Stony Brook goalie, but it is probably the most saves made against North Carolina this year." Espey is currently trying to promote Serratore as an All-American to the selection committee. If this bid is successful, Serratore will set another precedent by becoming the first All-American lacrosse player in Stony Brook's history.

Offensively, the team was led by junior midfielder Rob Walker, who had two goals and two assists. Freshman attackman Terence Vetter also scored two goals while freshman attackman Chris Chamberlain notched a goal. Midfielders Kevin Dalland and Paul Leva had an assist apiece.

In both games, the defense overall put forth a first-class effort. Defensemen Glenn Kaminska, Mike Bocchino, Paul Schultes, Greg Freeland, Michael Tahany and Andy Denning were all highly noted by Espey; as were midfielders Steve McCabe and John Schafer.

At one point, the defense was two-men down due to penalties, and the Stony Brook "D" stopped the Carolina offense. Denning was especially effective. Espey said, "He looked like he has been playing top teams for four years and he's only a freshman."

"We scheduled these teams for the experience," Espey said. The team, in playing two tough games, seemed to learn what it takes to be number one. "It won't be long until we have a team that will be nationally recognized," Espey said. "The coaching staff and the athletic department is not afraid to challenge the best. We are still young but we are competing with the best. There is still a lot more excitement to come."

One has to remember that a few years ago, Stony Brook was only a mediocre Division-III team, playing non-name teams. Now the Patriots are Division-I, have a 7-3 winning record and have played the number-one ranked team in the nation. The positive turnaround is quite apparent.

"What the University is trying to accomplish is an enormous task," said Espey. "We are receiving outstanding support all around. And we are putting together a top program. We aren't going to sit back."

The Patriots will host Fairfield today at 4 pm. On Saturday, they host Boston College at 2 pm. And they square-off against another top-20 team on May 4th, the University of Pennsylvania. Wins over Boston College and Penn will most likely propel Stony Brook into a top-20 ranking in the nation.