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Joe Castiglie

University Photo

Coach Castiglie resigns under pressure from NCAA

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Staff Writer

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH Joe Castiglie resigned July 26 amid an investigation that he committed an NCAA violation almost three years ago.

In his resignation letter, Castiglie, who served as coach for seven years, cited personal reasons for his departure and said nothing of the NCAA probe, said Athletic Director John Reeves. An NCAA investigation will reveal next month the impending consequences for both Castiglie and the State University at Stony Brook.

"The NCAA is conducting an investigation over an incident that allegedly took place in 1988," university spokesman Dan Forbush said in a statement. "We are cooperating in the inquiry."

Probe Involves Air Fare

According to Sports Information Director Ken Alber, the NCAA received an anonymous letter stating that Castiglie advanced meal money to a player to buy a plane ticket. The coach allegedly lent him the money to prevent him from being late to practice after Christmas

break in 1988. The player has not been identified, and the university has confirmed that he did not play with Castiglie's current squads of the past two years.

Newsday reported that the investigation was not made public "to spare Castiglie's feelings," and that the coach "pleaded" to keep the incident private. But according to Alber, the university did not intend to cover the story up. "The university's policy is we don't feel it's appropriate to comment on an investigation while it's going on," Alber said.

Castiglie maintained he did not try to cover up the NCAA investigation, and denied asking the university to keep it private.

"I didn't 'plead' with anyone," Castiglie told *Statesman* in response to a *Newsday* article. "We were going to release it... If you asked me a week ago if there was an NCAA investigation, I would have said 'yes'. I would not have lied to you."

Paul Dudzick, former director of men's athletics, confirmed the allegations but said the internal investigation had ended. And he refused to comment on the situation. "I don't think it would be appropriate to make any comments," he said. "It's not fair to the investigation."

Adrian Lotson, chairwoman of the NCAA infractions committee that is currently investigating Castiglie, refused comment.

University Could Be Sanctioned

The infractions could be harmful to the athletic department if Castiglie is found guilty, said David Berst, assistant executive director for infractions in the NCAA. Berst told *Statesman* it was possible that both Castiglie and the university would receive sanctions. "Either is a possibility," he said. "There isn't any way

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Castiglie resigns in wake of investigation

CASTIGLIE from front page

to predict now." The committee will have an answer by the end of the month, Berst said.

The severity of the violation is still undetermined, said Bob Minnix, director of enforcement for the NCAA. The violation could be a major one, but it depends on the situation, he said. "It would have to be looked upon in context," Minnix told *Statesman*. "If [Castiglie] tried to provide [the player] extra cash or influence him in some way, it could be an easier way to decide." He said the department of enforcement does not "rank" violations, so the investigation must reveal the context of the situation. "There is no minor, major or secondary violations," he said.

Although Stony Brook conducted its own investigation, the school could be held responsible for Castiglie's actions, which would lead to sanctions from the NCAA if found guilty, said Minnix. "The university's always responsible for someone who's employed by them," he said. If it could be proved to the committee that Castiglie lied to the university during an investigation, "the school has a good argument," he said.

Several Patriot basketball players contacted by *Statesman* refused to comment.

Resignations 'Independent'

Reeves, who is resigning on August 25 to take over as Columbia University's athletic director, said there was no connection between his leaving and Castiglie's resignation. "Our separations are independent of each other," he said.

Castiglie's Reaction

"I don't know where this [the investigation] is going," Castiglie told *Statesman* in a telephone interview Friday night. "I thought it was wise to distance myself from the program."

While Castiglie said he could not comment on the NCAA investigation, he said he "[didn't] want it to jeopardize what I built."

And although Castiglie said he thinks that when the investigation is completed, much of the attention he has received recently will be forgotten, he is disturbed at the negative media attention caused by the controversy. "I've worked very hard in the past seven years," he said. "Not in terms of wins and losses — the values and principals I've taught are very sound. Those

"I believe the University at Stony Brook to be a great place. I leave with no regrets. I'm not a bitter person."

—Joe Castiglie

principals have been beneficial to a lot of young men.

"In all the years I've been here, there was only one person [in the basketball program] who did not graduate. But that gets lost in the sauce.

"I don't feel very good about [the media attention]," he said. "I didn't realize that so many people were interested in me. This is not a division I team, and I don't make a million dollars.

"But I'm not a negative person by

nature. I'm looking at all this positively. But that does not sell newspapers."

Castiglie, who said he finds coaching basketball "intoxicating," said he did not know if he would coach again. "It's tough to tell," he said. He said if he did coach, he would like to stay in the college level. "It's what I do best," he said. "I work well with young men. I've seen a lot of basketball success. There wasn't one year when we didn't reach our goals."

Castiglie plans to earn his second masters next year from Hofstra University and to continue teaching science at Miller Place High School.

Castiglie said he hopes the investigation will not affect the team. "I'll miss them," he said. "I've been lucky to be

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Student assaulted in robbery try

A student was assaulted last Tuesday after he found an unidentified man in his car in the Mount College parking lot.

The complainant approached his car at about 1 am and saw a hispanic female wandering around his car, according to a Public Safety report. As the student came closer, he noticed a hispanic male in the driver's seat, and asked what the man was doing. The burglar responded that he mistook the student's car for his own.

As the perpetrator was leaving the student's car, he punched the car's owner several times in the face, tried to choke him, and demanded the student give him the keys to the car. When the student refused, the man fled into Mount Col-

lege.

The student suffered minor injuries and no arrest has been made.

A 25-inch television was stolen from a Douglass College suite room at about 11:14 am Aug. 4. No arrest has been made.

A female student was robbed by an unidentified male at 4:32 pm July 31. The man got away with an undisclosed amount of money and credit cards.

Suffolk Police was called by Public Safety after a "suspicious device" was found outside Public Safety headquarters in Dutchess Hall at noon on July 30. The device

was found not to be dangerous.

Two students were harassed twice on North Loop Rd. and Center Drive on campus at 11:56 pm on July 28 by men in two

cars throwing eggs. The students sustained minor injuries.

In a related incident about 30 minutes later, unknown men threw eggs at the Chapin apartment buildings, one of which entered through room L 1173 and struck the occupant. No injuries were reported and Public Safety could not find the assailants.

In an incident related to an arrest of two men Friday (see story on page 3), stereo equipment and a computer were stolen from Life Sciences room 270 on July 27 at 3 pm.

A university professor was harassed by threatening phone calls on July 19 in room S-621 of the Social and Behavioral Science Building. The professor recorded one message, which threatened harm to the professor and his family. Public Safety said the caller, who left a phone number, was probably a student complaining about a grade. No arrest was made.

A pocketbook containing credit cards was reported stolen from a parked car in the Lake Drive parking lot July 18 at 7:37 pm. No arrests have been made.

Campus Public Safety Notebook

By David Joachim

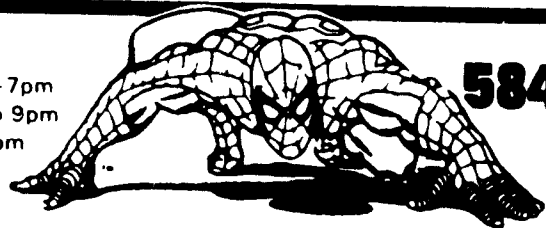


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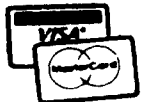
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Public Safety nabs thieves

Student, incoming freshman confess to computer thefts

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

A Stony Brook student and an incoming freshman were arrested Friday and charged with the theft of over \$50,000 worth of computer and electronic equipment stolen from academic buildings this year.

Takuma Nathuka, 21, and Gregory Denin, 18, were charged with third degree burglary after Public Safety officer Phillip Morales saw Denin carrying a computer to his car outside the Life Science Building at 4:37 am Friday morning, according to Suffolk Police.

Public Safety later found more computer equipment in the woods nearby and in Denin's home in Lake Grove, said Joseph Verfenstein, assistant director of Public Safety. The two have claimed responsibility for several burglaries from academic buildings on campus since March, he said.

Suffolk County detectives confiscated more equipment Friday night from Nathuka's home in Sommerville, N.Y., a suburb of Syracuse, according to Mark Ryan, Suffolk Police spokesman.

Verfenstein said Denin, an incoming Stony Brook

freshman who grew up in the area, is familiar with the campus. "As a kid, he used to play in the tunnels," he said. "He knew his way around."

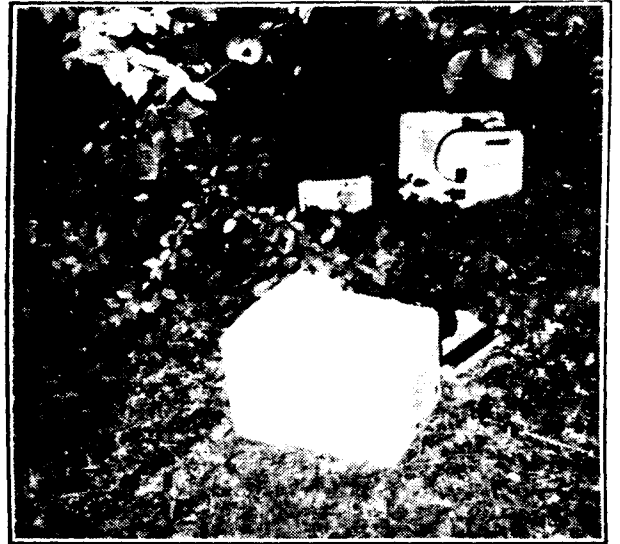
And Verfenstein said that Nathuka, a senior, may have supplied Denin with combinations to the exterior doors in the academic buildings where the equipment was stolen. Once inside the buildings, the two said they would check for open doors or climb through the ceilings, said Verfenstein.

There was no sign of forced entry in Friday's burglary, said Verfenstein.

Verfenstein said he thinks the alleged burglars intended the computers for their personal use. "[Denin] seems to know a lot," he said. "He's really into computers." He added that if the two intended to sell the computers, they would have already been sold.

Ryan said the equipment will be held as evidence until the Suffolk County District Attorney decides it is no longer necessary.

Verfenstein said Public Safety will try to match the serial numbers on the computers and police reports and



Public Safety Photo

Computers found near Life Sciences Building Friday.

return the equipment to its owners.

In addition to the third degree burglary charge, which is a felony, Denin and Nathuka face charges of possession of burglary tools, a misdemeanor, and possession of stolen property, another felony, said Verfenstein.

State restorations save 23 campus jobs

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Restorations in state aid to the State University at Stony Brook will allow the university to eliminate 23 fewer positions than the 130 it announced last month, according to university officials.

The university plans to eliminate a total of 107 positions this fall by laying off 43 campus employees and not replacing 64 positions now held vacant in response to the 4.8 percent cut in state funding, according to Vicky Katz, university spokeswoman. The university gets about a third of its funding from the state, said Katz.

The university will announce specific layoffs after SUNY Central Administration clears the university's cutback proposal and the workers affected are notified, said Glenn Watts, vice president for finance and management. SUNY Central must determine if the university is violating labor contracts before it clears the plan, he said.

"Once we have that feedback, we can talk to the individuals involved," Watts said.

The university expects to detail the budget cuts and staff reductions by the end of August.

Although Watts has said that administrative jobs will be targeted first, academic departments will be target of some layoffs.

"Faculty will be affected," University President John Marburger told *Statesman*. But he said that tenured faculty will be spared in the process.

Marburger said that before the restorations, he thought the university would have to lay people off without notice.

Now, he said he would honor labor contracts, many of which state that notice must be given before an employee is laid off.

Marburger said that while state funding has decreased, support for research from the federal government

has stayed stable. Other projects, such as the cogeneration power plant, receive partial private funding. "All these areas are thriving and enable us to remain a strong and growing force in the Long Island economy," Marburger said.

Car accident kills student

A Stony Brook senior was killed in a car accident on campus while returning from a night class on July 31.

Timothy Melia, 22, was pronounced dead in the operating room at University Hospital at 11:37 pm of massive internal bleeding, said hospital spokeswoman Maxine Simson.

Melia, a Nesconset resident and psychology major at Stony Brook, was travelling over 80 miles per hour on South Loop Rd. when his car swerved over the double yellow line and struck an oncoming car, according to university spokeswoman Vicky Katz. Michael Merriam, 18, who was driving the other car, had to be cut out of his car by police. He is in satisfactory condition, said Simson.

Melia was charged with DWI before being transported to the hospital by the Stony Brook Volun-

teer Ambulance Corps. Suffolk police found an open bottle of liquor next to Melia in the car and detected liquor on his breath, said Katz.

Suffolk Detective James Galasso said blood tests should be completed this week to determine if Melia was intoxicated before the crash.

But Melia's mother, Carol Melia, said she finds it hard to believe her son was drunk. "It [the accident] was only 15 minutes after his class," she told *Statesman* in a telephone interview. "How could he get drunk in that time?"

Carol Melia added that she was disturbed with stories in *Newsday* and other newspapers that stressed the police's allegations that her son was under the influence of alcohol.

A memorial service was held Monday.

— David Joachim

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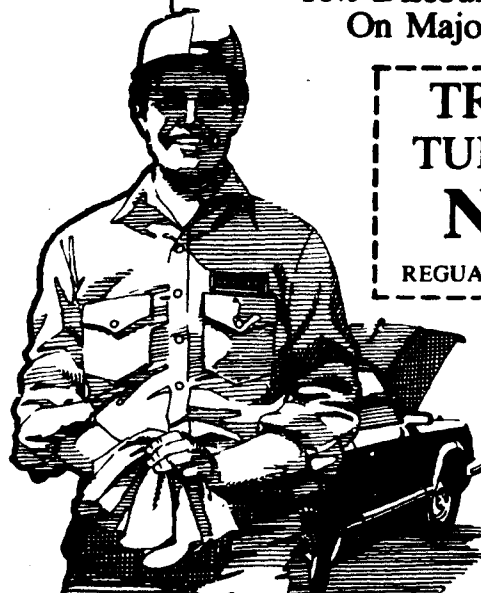
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Editorial

Resignations End an Era at Stony Brook

Stony Brook's athletic department — the source of great campus pride and spirit in recent years — took a big step back last month with the resignations of Director John Reeves and head basketball coach Joe Castiglie. These two men have been vital to a program that is on its way to the big-time.

Reeves, who has served as director since 1987, has been instrumental in the late planning and utilization of the new Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex. And he advocated Stony Brook's expansion to Division I sports, elevating the men's lacrosse and women's soccer teams to that level.

His contributions in these projects have created a more active and spirited campus, one that could only dream of big-time athletics before Reeves arrived at Stony Brook.

Castiglie, who coached the Patriots for seven years after playing for the team as a student here, catapulted his team to a 137-55 record, the best ever at Stony Brook. The basketball team became a source of tremendous pride on a campus that is seldom proud of anything. And through his accomplishments, many now envision the basketball team at Division I status.

His performance off the court was comparable to his performance on the court. His interaction with his players gave him a reputation as not just a teacher, but a friend. He taught his players the value of higher education, something that few Division I coaches teach.

And his interaction with the campus community built a foundation that we will be building on for years to come. In fact, many of us at *Statesman's* sports desk may not have been here without the excitement the coach created, or the support and encouragement he gave us.

Now, with the help of an ambitious *Newsday* reporter, the National Collegiate Association of America has taken what seems to be a small infraction, and made it an international crime. Even if Castiglie did lend a player money for an airline ticket, it is doubtful his intention was to influence the player in any way.

This is Stony Brook, not UNLV. The university doesn't receive millions of dollars in televi-

sion contracts and the coaches don't make millions. And the athletes play basketball for only one reason: they love the game — not because their looking for Patrick Ewing-style salaries when they get out of school.

Perhaps if the NCAA spent more time where the real corruption in college sports is, we wouldn't be saying goodbye to the coach.

Regardless of the NCAA ruling next month,

Castiglie says his resignation is final. There is little we can do but continue on the road that he built.


John Reeves and Joe Castiglie will be missed. Their invaluable contributions to the athletic department have added a new dimension to life at Stony Brook. We can only wish them success, and hope that their successors continue on their mission.

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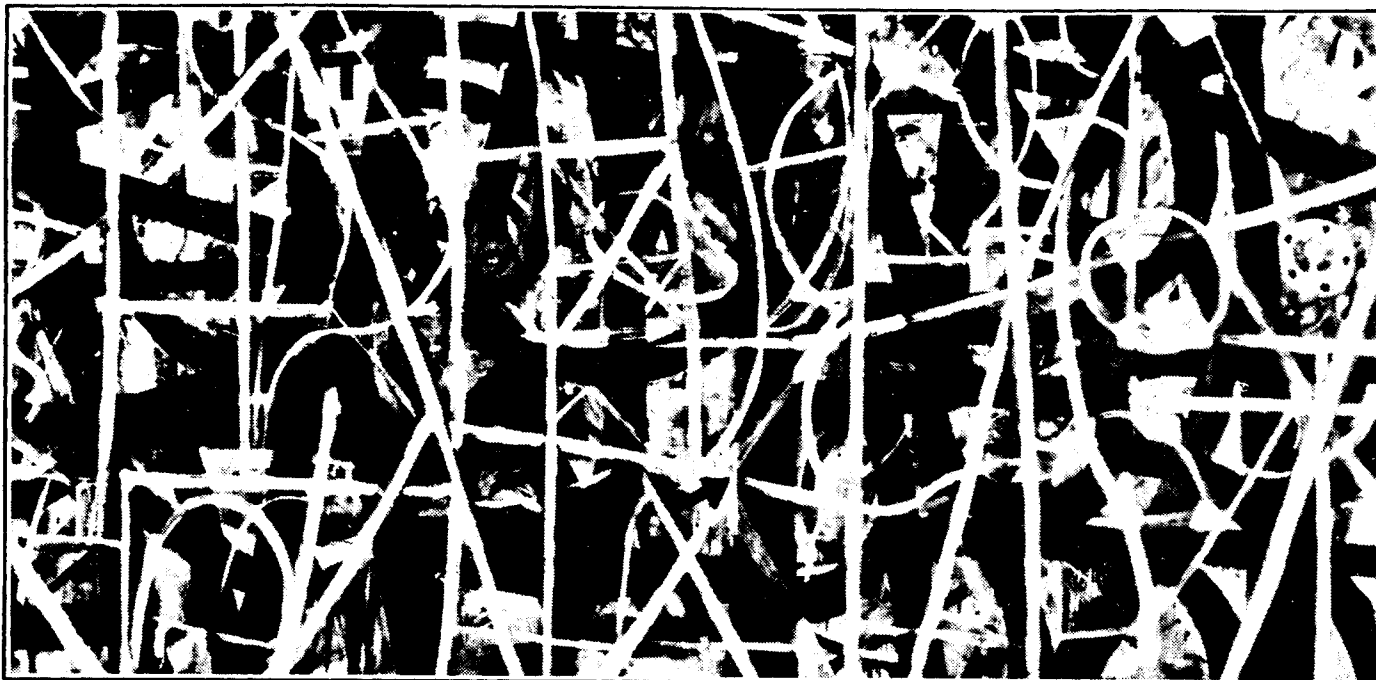
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It becomes an unnecessary chore to attempt to associate blobs of paint with specific names. Untitled works allow more viewing freedom.

Labyrinth #3, 1954, an oil on canvas by Adolph Gottlieb.

Adolph Gottlieb's art stirs up Staller

By Alan Golnick
Special to Statesman

THERE IS A STORM brewing in the Art Gallery of the Staller Center for the Arts. The situation, however, has nothing to do with the weather. The winds are psychological, and the darkening clouds come from the intense work of Adolph Gottlieb. His paintings and works on paper represent a world in transition, an approach to art that is as startling a revelation today as it was 40 years ago.

Gottlieb is one of the country's premiere abstract expressionists. This technique evolved after the Second World War, when many Americans developed a fundamental change in the way they looked at the world. The harsh realities of war persuaded many that life was no bed

of roses. Artists such as Gottlieb were among those who realized this. In the case of his exhibition at the Staller Center, one can sense a tragic undertone in his shapeless moments in time.

The exhibition, which runs through August 15, consists of two parts. The lesser component, in terms of both the number of pieces and their impact, is Adolph Gottlieb:

Epic Art. Labyrinth #3, 1954, an oil on canvas, delves into the depths of human confusion. The work is sectioned off by lines shooting up and about in every direction, suggesting a world divided. More powerful is

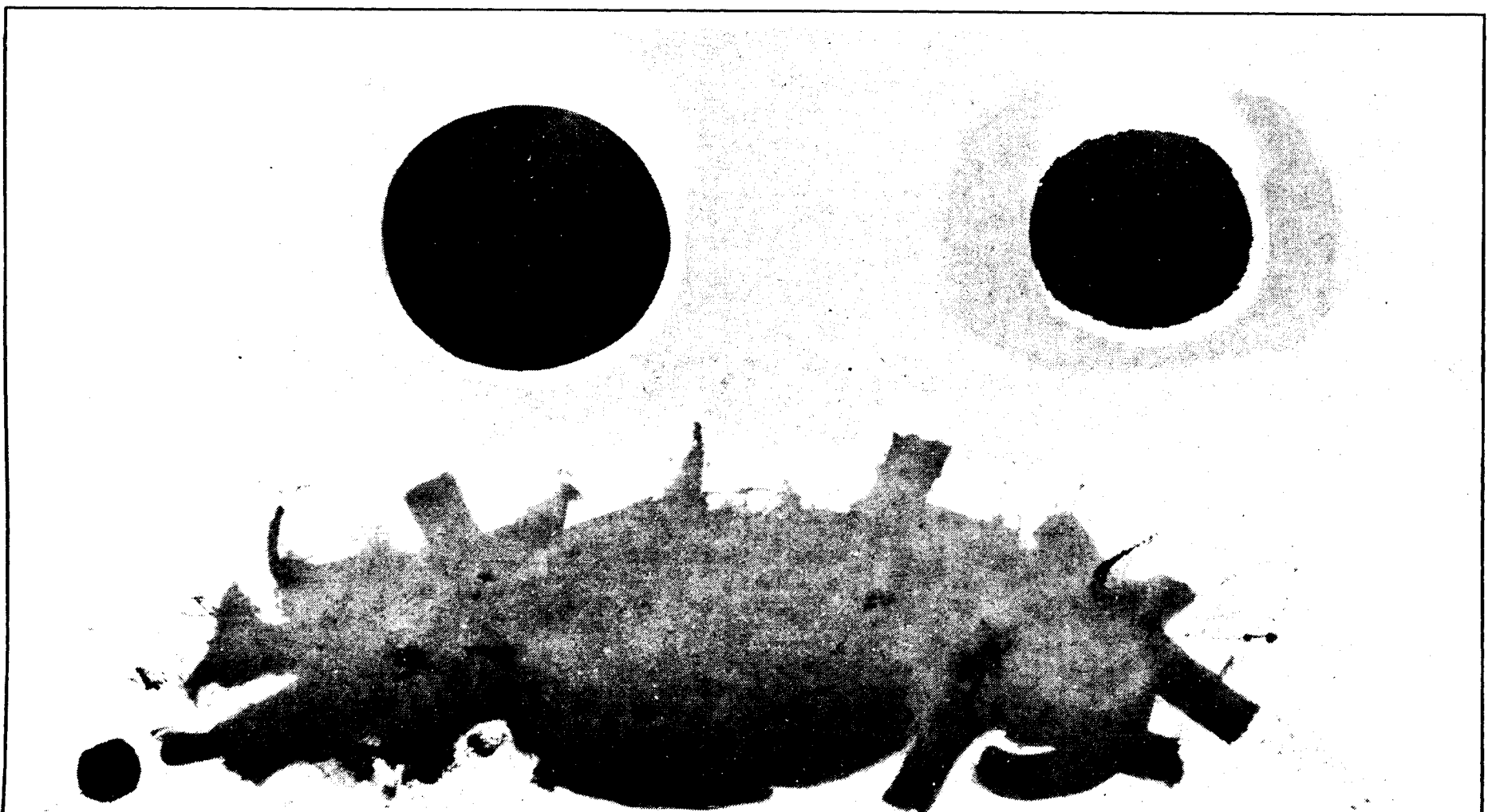
Aftermath, 1959, an oil on canvas. Gottlieb uses shades of gray to surround a rust colored circle, floating alone in the middle. The setting is simple, yet the impact is powerful. Somewhere in the middle of the road is Ochre and Black, 1962, another oil on canvas. The lack of continuity of form in this piece is unsettling,

but Gottlieb's use of gold, black and beige is somewhat soothing.

Gottlieb achieves more success with the bulk of his work that fills the Staller Gallery, *The Monotypes of Adolph Gottlieb*, 36 works on paper. These works are untitled, which is a good choice. It becomes an unnecessary chore to attempt to associate blobs of paint with specific names. Untitled works allow more viewing freedom. We are not required to make a specific connection between the artist's chosen title and our own interpretation, which is what matters most.

With brighter colors such as green, red, blue, yellow and purple, Gottlieb's monotypes reflect a happier, post-war attitude. The monotypes are more varied in color and form than the *Epic Art* works in the show, and Gottlieb seems to have greater success. Here we have a more full range of his expression of form, in a style that is generally simple, and often bewildering.

The Art Gallery in the Staller Center for the Arts is open 12 noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Ochre and Black, 1962, an oil on canvas by Adolph Gottlieb.

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Sports

Monday, August 12, 1991

Director leaves to take Columbia post

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Staff Writer

John Reeves, athletic director at Stony Brook since 1987, will be leaving his post on August 25 to take the same position at Columbia University.

Reeves, who received his doctorate from Columbia, became the first permanent athletic director at Stony Brook, and played a major role in the university's rise to Division I in lacrosse and women's soccer as well as the opening of the Indoor Sports Complex last semester. "The last four years for me at USB have been the most productive and satisfying of my career," he said.

Reeves, however, refuses to take credit for Stony Brook's leap into big-time athletics. "All I did was come into the right place at the right time," he said. "The facility was conceived way before I got here."

He lists the high points of his career at Stony Brook as the opening of the \$17 million Sports Complex and the lacrosse team's victories over Dartmouth and Notre Dame during the past two years. "No one can match those," he said. His biggest drawback was that he couldn't get lavatories for the football field. "It is embarrassing to ask the football team to use the woods at halftime," he said. But he added that it was a priority for the upcoming season.

Reeves said Columbia was impressed with Stony Brook's ability to generate funds, of which \$250,000 was raised last year. "Stony Brook was real proud of that fact," he said.

"I'm sorry to see John Reeves go," University President John Marburger told *Statesman*. "But it was a great opportunity for him."

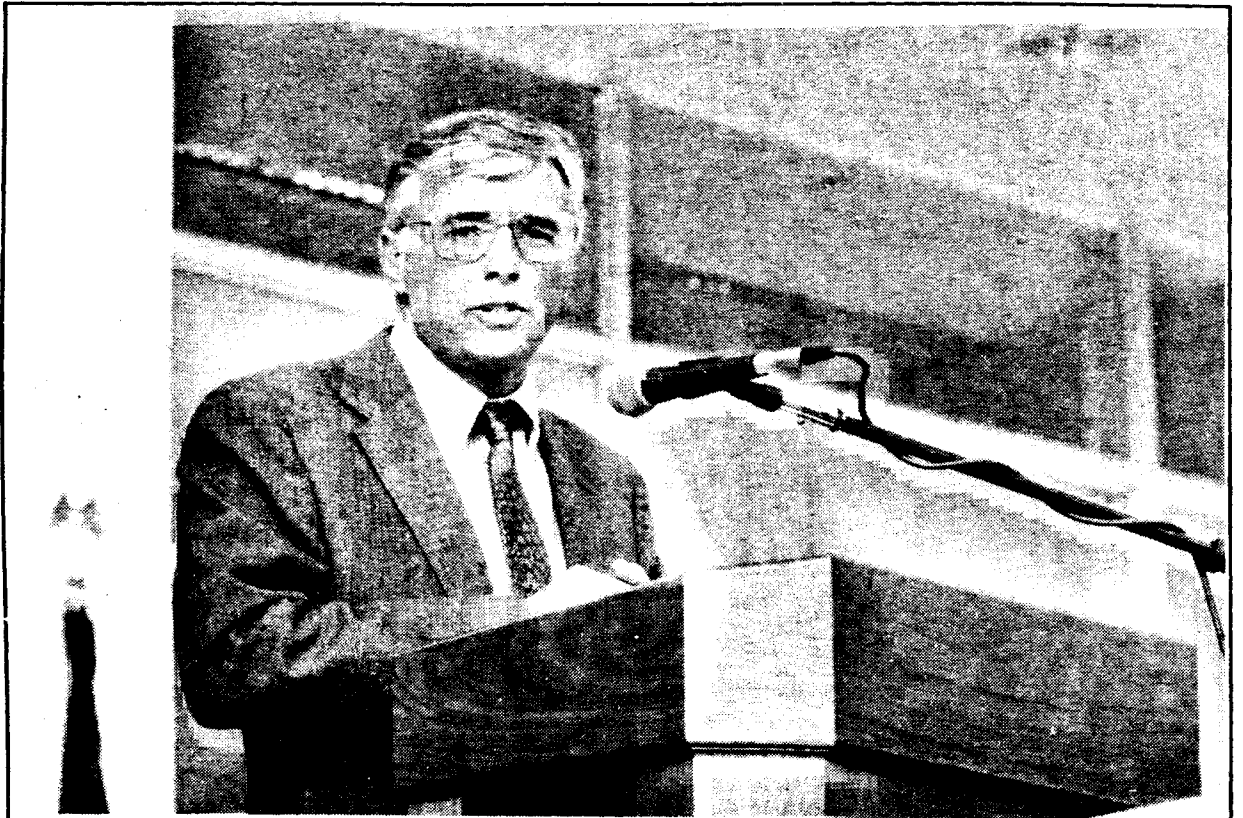
"He's made a tremendous difference in the athletic department during his time here. His vision is one we'll be working on for at least a decade."

"I'll miss him tremendously," said Kenneth Alber, director of sports information. "But, it was a major opportunity for him."

According to Reeves and Alber, there is no one currently lined up to fill the opening, and it doesn't appear that an interim director will be named. "There's no one in place to take his place," said Alber.

There is also no talk of an internal replacement. "I'm not sure there's anyone here aspiring for AD," said Reeves. "Everyone's happy in their jobs."

Reeves, 52, graduated from Montclair State's Panzer School of Health and Physical Education in 1961, earned



University Photo

Reeves addresses crowd at opening of the Indoor Sports Complex last semester.

his masters from Penn State in 1962, and his doctorate from Columbia in 1983.

Reeves began his career as a successful soccer coach at Bloomfield College, highlighted by his being named Central Atlantic Conference Soccer Coach of the Year in 1963 and 1965. In 1969, he was appointed head soccer coach as well as athletic director of Drew University, and held that position until being named to a similar position at the University of Rochester in 1981.

Reeves also held the position of president of the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America from 1985-1987.

In becoming athletic director of Columbia, he rejoins head football coach Ray Tellier and assistant Irv Chambliss,

who coached at Rochester. Chambliss sees no difference in Reeves than in the previous director, Al Paul. "They both have the same qualities," he said.

Although Columbia is a private university, it does not give out athletic scholarships, so recruits must rely on financial aid, said Chambliss. Stony Brook's recruiting program is similar. "There shouldn't be any difference [for Reeves]," said Chambliss. "But the competition is a step up."

A goal for Reeves at Columbia is to achieve .500 status for the football team, which set an NCAA Division I record for futility by losing 43 straight games from 1985 to 1989. "If we could do that," he said, "Tellier will be mayor and I'll be deputy mayor."

Castiglie resigns

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surrounded by such fine young men. I want them to be positive, work hard and pursue an education. That's the first and ultimate goal, to succeed academically.

"And go get that cup."

Despite the controversy, Castiglie said he will have fond memories. "I believe the University at Stony Brook to be a great place. I leave with no regrets," said Castiglie. "I'm not a bitter person."

Castiglie As Coach and Player

The 34 year-old Castiglie had been a fixture in the Patriots' sports program for more than 15 years. As a student, he was an integral part of the 1977-78 Patriot team that

made it to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

Castiglie took over as head coach in 1983, and relied on a "run-and-gun" offense that featured his team's stamina and speed. Through the use of these tactics, his squads garnered a won-loss record of 137-55, the best ever by a Patriot basketball coach.

Last season, Castiglie led the team to a first-seed Eastern NCAA bid, but was eliminated by the subsequent champions, the Rochester Yellow Jackets, in the second round. He was named *Statesman*/VIP Coach of the Year for his outstanding efforts last semester.

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Castiglie, pictured before receiving Coach of the Year Award.

