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# Slashed

## University Reduces Work Force in Response to Budget Cuts

By Toni Masercola  
Statesman Managing Editor

**T**HE STONY BROOK WORK FORCE was drastically cut this semester in order to meet an \$8.6 million reduction in state funding.

One hundred thirty seven full time positions have been slashed. In order to minimize the impact on the academic areas, several jobs at the administrative level were discontinued, in the offices of the president and vice-presidential areas of finance and management and campus services.

Jobs also eliminated include: buliding maintenance, several middle management positions, and University President John Marburger said the expansion of word processing and computerization is allowing the termination of clerical jobs as well.

Many students are disappointed with the closure of the cardiopulmonary sciences program, which will be discontinued in 1993, upon completion of the education of students presently enrolled in the program and those entering as juniors this fall.

A petition to get the program back is circulating while letters of discouragment are being written to

Marburger and the Dean of Health Sciences. "I think they are making a big mistake," said senior Laura P. Coombs, who intended on starting the program. "Stony Brook has a good reputation with the Allied Health programs and the decision is leaving people like myself stuck."

Seventeen non-tenured faculty members did not see the renewal of their contracts, while 16 vacant tenure track faculty positions, which would have been filled by this September, were eliminated. Some staff with term appointments will not have their contracts renewed and some temporary employees will not con-

tinue in their positions.

According to Provost Tilden Edelstein, "While this reduction in faculty will have an impact on our plans to develop academic departments, we are seeking to minimize the effect on the instructional program by selectively adjusting teaching loads, among other things."

"State funding is declining as a percentage of our budget but fortunately, Stony Brook has thriving programs in research and health care that are funded from non-state sources," said Marburger, who feels that Stony Brook will continue to flourish despite the setback of losing such a large number of state jobs.

The termination of 137 jobs and cutting back overtime expenses will help save the university about \$7 million.

There has been an increase in support for research at Stony Brook from the federal government, industry and foundations, along with a constant growth in revenues from fund-raising from alumni, allowing several campus operations to be self-supporting.

"We are eliminating some activities and will manage our affairs better so as to strengthen other priority areas," said Marburger. "We are reducing state support for revenue producing programs, forcing them to pick up a greater share of their expenses."



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ALBANY — SUNY has given notice to the entire staff of the Empire State Theater Institute that they may be fired at any time.

In all, 56 employees have received notices, according to SUNY officials, who hope to reduce the theatre's staff to 20 by next July.

Up to 10,000 state workers, including 900 SUNY workers, will lose

their jobs one way or another.

The Empire State Theatre Institute, which stages performances in the Empire Center in the state Capitol complex, is one of many SUNY programs facing retrenchment as a result of state budget cuts.

The Empire State Theatre does theatrical performances primarily for state officials in the Capitol.

**Public Safety lacks contracts**

ALBANY — SUNY's statewide Public Safety Union is still at a deadlock with state contract negotiators, and officers around the state have been working without a contract since March 31.

After nearly 100 negotiating sessions, leaders of Council 82, Security and Law Enforcement Employees, the parent union of Public Safety's local, asked the state to conduct a fact finding

investigation to determine why the situation has dragged on so long.

Leaders of Council 82, which represents 22,000 law enforcement officers in various departments statewide, have repeatedly accused state officials of negotiating in "bad faith" or with no intention of actually coming to an agreement with employees.

— Student Leader News Service



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**RHYTHM AND SOUL**

The Student Activities Board sponsored three music groups promoting new albums under Rhythm and Soul Productions yesterday in front of the Student Union.

# Gaffney: LI needs new leadership

By Stephen L. Shapiro  
Statesman Associate News Editor

Citing a stagnant economy and the need to return Suffolk County to economic health, the College Republicans endorsed Robert Gaffney for Suffolk County Executive at a press conference yesterday.

On his endorsement, Gaffney said, "I greatly appreciate the support of the students at Stony Brook. One of my daughters is currently attending college in the city and I hope that she, as well as other Long Island students, will be able to afford to live here following graduation."

Concerning the College Republicans organization, Gaffney said, that the group "has become an enormous force on the Stony Brook campus" and that he plans to help further the group in any way possible.

According to Gaffney, as county executive, he plans to lure business back to Long Island. He said, "I hope to replace the 20,000 jobs that were lost during the Halpin administration. We must stop the spiral of high taxes and promote environmentally safe Suffolk County."

Kieran Curley, a sophomore majoring in political science, said, "I'd like to live on Long Island after graduation. Right now, that's inconceivable considering the present economy. Bob Gaffney is our only hope."

"There is no question that of all the candidates for Suffolk County Executive, only Bob Gaffney understands the unique problems facing today's students," said College Republican President Ron Nehring. "Today's students are tomorrow's graduates and as we enter the job market and housing market and look to make Suffolk County our home. We desperately need the kind of strong and responsible leadership which Bob Gaffney can bring to the County Executive's office."

Nehring said, "The two groups most affected by Long Island's economy are senior citizens and students just entering the job market. Pat Halpin's high taxes and irresponsible fiscal policies have driven jobs and families off of Long Island." He said by electing Bob Gaffney, "Suffolk students and young people can ensure that Suffolk County will once again be economically viable well

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— Robert Gaffney

into the 21st century."

Adam Kaminsky, a junior, who plans to attend medical school, said, "I don't believe Pat Halpin has served us as well as we were led to believe. It's time for a positive change."

Nehring said, "Bob Gaffney is the true Republican in the Republican primary since opponent Patrick Vechio ran as a Democrat six times."

Larry Schwartz, a Halpin spokesman, said, "I think it is ironic that students endorse a man who opposed voting in local elections in Albany." He also said, "Bob Gaffney has not offered one solution to address the fiscal problems in Suffolk County."

Vechio, presently Smithtown Town Supervisor, said that he plans to run on both the Conservative and Republican lines on the November ballot. Vechio said that he hopes to run a clean campaign and run on his record. He said, "I am the only candidate experienced enough to serve as an executive."

The conference, held in the lobby of the Administration Building, was attended by members of the College Republicans, campus organizations, Gaffney supporters, and staff members.

According to records furnished by the College Republicans, they presently have fifty active members and are currently planning campaign events to increase awareness of the county executive elections on campus.



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Robert Gaffney addresses audience at yesterday's press conference.

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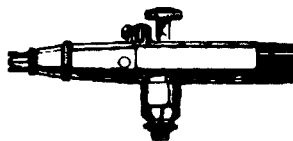
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# Dormitories close for renovations

By Krista DeMaria  
Statesman Staff Writer

A revitalization program is now underway at SUNY Stony Brook to systematically renovate the residence halls to provide a more appealing on-campus living to incoming students.

Jerry Stein, director of residential programs, told *Statesman* that the pilot project has already begun the first steps of renovation in Hendrix College in Roth Quad.

"The pilot project should take about a year, the hall was taken out of use in Spring of '91 and will be brought back in fall of '92," Stein said.

The closing of Hendrix College not only meant that students already living in that hall had to move out, but it also meant that the university had to offer less housing space for its residents this semester.

Stein said that students who lived in Hendrix are now living within the same quad or elsewhere on campus. "We had a meeting with residence hall students and the students understood and recognized the need for renovations," said Stein.

Stein also told *Statesman* that the students who had to move out will have first priority when the hall is ready to be reopened.

"Everyone who has applied for housing got it. The closing of Hendrix meant 200 spaces less, but there hasn't been a

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— Dallas Bauman

problem," Stein said in reference to the possible inconvenience of the program.

Stein said the revitalization program is going to take many years and much combined effort from the administration and the students. "This program is a long-term project involving the renovation of each of the twenty-six residence halls," said Stein, who told *Statesman* that renovating one building should cost approximately \$2 million a year. The renovation will include advancements in mechanics and emergency assistance, bathroom renovations, ceiling lights, new bedroom floor coverings, push button locks on suite doors, electric access control systems, screens, ground floor windows, new furniture, and new drapes, according to Stein.

Ruth Ginsberg, president of Residen-

tial Hall Association (RHA), told *Statesman* that the students attitudes toward the project are overwhelmingly positive.

Ginsberg, a senior going on her second year as president of RHA, said her door has been open for complaints but she hasn't received one yet. "The students only concern was the finances in the future," Ginsberg said.

The funding for the program to renovate the residence halls, according to Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president of the Division of Campus Residences, came from a loan that has to be paid back in 15 years. The project, according to Bauman, is being financed by SUNY Central.

According to Ginsberg, the students of all residence halls requested that \$300,000 be put aside so when it came time

to pay back the loan the students would not feel such a heavy financial burden.

"I spoke to several residents and they were very happy with the program and the fact that they get first priority, [when the building is completed]" Ginsberg said.

Ginsberg, and other members of RHA, are working with the administration to keep the revitalization project going.

Bauman said, "This is going to be a significant leap forward for us." He said, "On-campus living will become more appealing."

Bauman spoke on the importance of the on-campus housing experience. "There has been a substantial body of research showing that the students living on campus have an overall better college experience," Bauman said.

The entire renovation procedure is going to take an estimated 10 to 12 years. If the university can afford to do two residence halls a year it will, according to both Stein and Bauman.

The plans are to finish the other halls in Roth Quad before moving to the next quad, according to Stein.

Students of each hall will get a chance to give their input on the program and the various new appliances and decor that will be available to them. Stein said he hopes this long term revitalization program will bring all the comforts of home to Stony Brook residence halls.

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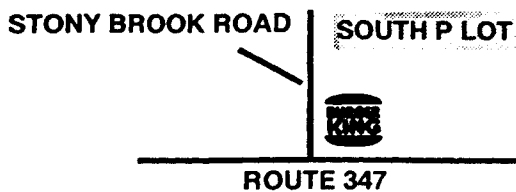
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## Enrollment is steady despite tuition hike, aid cuts

By Lisa J. Volpicella  
Statesman Associate News Editor

The State University at Stony Brook and other local SUNY colleges last week reported an increase in this year's enrollment, despite a \$500 tuition increase and cuts in state financial aid programs.

"[It's] Probably because of the recession," said Ray Maniusko, director of the Department of Institutional Studies at Stony Brook. Maniusko said that admission requirements have not become more lenient, but due to financial aid cutbacks, many students are staying closer to home.

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"It looks like one of the best years we have ever had," said Bob Allen a spokesman for Nassau Community College. This year, Nassau Community College has almost 23,000 full and part-time students. Final statistics will not be complete until November, but it is about a 12 percent increase from last year.

Suffolk Community College reports a one percent increase since last year, according to Dr. Libassi, dean of

Institutional Services at Suffolk. "A little bit more from last year however, there was less in the pool of high school graduates," said Libassi. He also explained that there were fewer high school graduates in the Suffolk area and they still had an increase in students. Suffolk currently has about 21,500 students.

At Stony Brook, statistics show that enrollment has modestly increased over the past decade. A mid-August estimate showed about 17,599 students, graduate and undergraduate, will be taking classes this semester. But that number will probably increase because students have until September 13 to register, said Maniusko.

Although statistics are not final, Stony Brook does have a much bigger freshman class than previous years. Some 1,800 new students began classes on Sept. 3. According to Maniusko, that number consists of almost half males and females. The gender ratio of freshman students is almost equal.

As enrollment increases, the university will have to look into building more housing. Maniusko said another apartment complex for graduate housing is currently being explored.

Due to cutbacks, Stony Brook, Nassau Community College and Suffolk Community College have all had to cut courses from their curriculums. However, Maniusko said the number of faculty at Stony Brook will remain the same. Final statistics on enrollment and faculty will not be completed until mid-November, said Maniusko.

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# The CUNY strike aftermath

By Ellen James Mosen  
Student Leader News Service

From early May through mid-July, student-faculty disciplinary committees at four CUNY campuses heard charges against the student leaders of the April protests against tuition hikes and budget cuts. Charged with multiple violations of the CUNY wide code of conduct, the "Henderson Rules," students at City College, LaGuardia Community College, Bronx Community College and York College raised the defense that the building takeovers were justified as an emergency measure to protest the greater injury threatened by Albany's budget.

At the disciplinary hearings, the student's Attorney, Ronald B. McGuire of the National Lawyers Guild Mass Defenses Committee, argued that the charges were brought to single out student leaders for their participation in a protest against the budget measures, which threaten the City University's ability to provide educational opportunities for New York's poor and minority communities.

At York College, the Student Faculty Disciplinary Committee acquitted the nine student government leaders charged with a ten day shut down of the academic Core building. The committee ruled that the defendants' presence in the building during the takeover, which involved many hundreds of students, was not sufficient proof that they had violated the Henderson Rules.

Although college administrators at LaGuardia and Bronx Community College argued for the severe penalty of a years suspension, no students were suspended. At Bronx Community, 18 students were censured [given a written warning]. At LaGuardia Community College, three students were placed on probation for a year, depriving them of their right to participate in student activities: these students included the head of LaGuardia's Black Student Union and two members of the student government. Seven other students were censured and one was acquitted. Up until the last day of the hearing, all of the students charged were deprived of their right to participate in the student government elections (an "emergency" measure which was actually illegal under the CUNY bylaws). Some of the students ran successfully on unofficial write-in ballots. Appeals have been taken to the college presidents for the penalties at LaGuardia and Bronx Community College.

The twenty-five students charged at City College have an agreement for a non-punitive settlement. They demanded the hearing so the committee could decide whether their defense of justification entitled them to a full acquittal. After testimony and arguments, the committee postponed decision. As of late August, students are awaiting results.

### Criminal Cases

On the criminal side, grand jury proceedings were dropped against the one student who faced felony charges in Queens Criminal Court as a result of an altercation



Student Leader/Jose Camacho

Students congregate outside seized City College North Academic Building last semester.

outside LaGuardia's main building. While the student was prepared to demonstrate self-defense, the charges were reduced to a violation (non-criminal) for blocking traffic. On the criminal trespass and contempt of court charges, the thirty defendants from Lehman and Bronx Community were offered an adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal if they agreed to perform forty hours of community service. They have nevertheless filed motions for dismissal of all charges on the grounds that only one defendant was named in the court order that they were charged with violating, and that the arrest procedures deprived them of required notice and of the assistance of their lawyer.

### Defense of Justification

In each of the disciplinary hearings, students testified about their reasons for the takeovers. Faculty and staff at each of the campuses had been present in the buildings to support the students and to act as observers in the event of threatened police action. They provided testimony as to the peaceful nature of the occupations and the responsibility taken by students for care of the premises. Although the college administrations made efforts to present evidence of damage caused by the students, none of the alleged damage was attributed to any of the students facing charges. Community leaders and activists, many of them CUNY alumni, testified as to support and concern for the strikers.

The defense was also assisted by several notable CUNY faculty who provided expert testimony in support of the justification defense. Distinguished professor Francis Fox Piven of the CUNY Graduate Center testified as to the necessity of direct action for movements of oppressed people who do not have access to the political channels employed by groups with great power and resources. She pointed out several instances of civil disobedience — with concomitant disruption to bring attention to injustices which would otherwise be ignored - which have made vital contributions to development of democratic institutions in

this country, from the Boston Tea Party, the Labor Movement, the Civil Rights Movement and the movement against the war in Vietnam. To the often repeated accusation that the CUNY students should have confined their demonstration to Albany, she answered that mass demonstrations of people with limited resources necessarily happen most effectively where the people are, in their communities, work places and in the institutions to which they have access.

Other CUNY faculty, including Stanley Aronowitz, Leith Mullins of the Graduate Center and Camille Rodriguez from the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College and James Small of City College, testified on behalf of the students. They pointed to the crucial importance of the educational opportunity CUNY offers to the city's poor and minority communities, the historical struggle of minorities, especially black people, for a right to an education, and the damage that would be caused by the budget actions that will inevitably make a CUNY education less accessible to the poor. Conrad Dyer of York College testified on the crucial role of the 1989 takeover by minority students at City College in bringing about open admissions.

Distinguished professor Sheldon Weinbaum of City College, who had himself been censured as a young untenured faculty member for his support of the African American and Puerto Rican students struggle for open admissions, testified to the disparities in funding between the overwhelmingly white SUNY campuses and the predominantly minority CUNY Colleges. Professor James Pope of Rutgers Law School provided expert testimony on the significance of the justification defense.

Many of the faculty who participated in the hearings have been active members of the CUNY concerned faculty - a university wide organization that met throughout last year to coordinate response to the threatened budget cuts and support for the protests.

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## Editorial

# Campus Helps Reduce Suspensions

Finally Stony Brook students had an impact on a major injustice on campus.

After one semester of fighting and protesting for a cause that turned this campus upside-down, the result was worth the struggle in the case of the university vs. Emmanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune.

Severe and Valbrune, fellow students suspended for one year and six months respectively by the Student Judiciary Committee for a riot that ensued during a blood drive protest last Dec. 4, with the support and dedication of several determined people throughout the campus community, succeeded in their struggle to be heard.

The campus was outraged on Dec. 4 when the two Haitian Student Organization members were arrested on both criminal and university charges during what most said was a peaceful protest against an unjust Food and Drug Administration ruling to ban Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans from giving

blood because they were said to be in a high risk group for AIDS.

The campus community expressed its anger and disbelief before and after the students' suspensions were announced by holding organized protests, while student organizations including the Student Polity Association and Graduate Student Organization released statements condemning the decision of the Student Judiciary to suspend the students and that they were being treated unjustly. Sit-ins were held for weeks at a time, letters were written to administrators to drop the charges and many spoke out in disbelief of such a harsh sentence.

Although the charges against the students were not dropped, the judiciary undoubtedly felt the pressure. During the students' appeal to the board that consisted of one faculty member, one staff member and three students, the struggle of the dedicated and determined community, the articles

in all the campus newspapers condemning the harsh and extreme punishment and maybe a change of heart by the committee members, the board lifted Valbrune's suspension, allowing him to be registered for the fall 1991 semester and cut Severe's sentence in half, which will allow him to return to Stony Brook in the spring. Severe's punishment was more extreme because one of the charges against him included assaulting a Public Safety officer.

Did the members of the board realize that depriving the HSO members of their right to an education was not the answer? Probably. So pat yourselves on the back because you are the reason Philippe Valbrune is sitting in his classes today.

Once again, on a campus where apathy is high, an amazing thing happened here last semester — students, faculty and staff came together and never gave up fighting for the reversal of an unjust, hasty decision.

## Write Us!!

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# An Open Letter to New Students

By Adam Kaminsky

**W**ELCOME TO THE WORLD where logic is thrown on end and lunacy prevails; a world where the wrong is blessed and the right is cursed (in more ways than one;) a place where values are meaningless and self preservation and promotion is the norm.

You as freshmen and transfers are entering a new experience in your life. For most, it will be an easy transition, a liberation, so to speak. For others, it will be the challenge to uphold their ways of life in a hostile and indifferent environment, an environment akin to a battlefield, only here it is the battle of the minds and campus clout, rather than pure barbaric brawn.

This "world" is Stony Brook University. Many people consider us a microcosm of real-world life, only they don't realize that by saying "microcosm," they are equating us to a mock-up similar to, but isolated from, the real world. And what happens in isolated communities? Yes. Deviance from the norms of the "outside" occur frequently, due to the apparent lack of communication between the two entities, and oh, do we have deviance.

Number one, we boycott blood drives. . . Well, not all of us, just the vocal minority who consider themselves victims of an irreparably racist society. They do not even consider working with us, but feel that by working against the school, their whims will be catered to more expediently. Thanks to them, there is now a crippling blood shortage in our region, and they don't care. They have partially won their point through these selfish channels and have opened the door to other groups employing a new generation of nonsense.

Secondly, those who challenge Polity are frowned upon. When the Common Sense Party, an organized

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group of conservative students, tried to enter Polity in last April's elections, they were met with a cold shoulder, naturally, and were then dismissed from the elections on a technicality. It wasn't until a judiciary rule reinstated them that they were acknowledged. If that wasn't enough, the elections were obscenely rigged so as to prevent them from victory. Tactics such as having ballot boxes arrive at key locations an hour or two late, biased poll watchers and a fire alarm at the Union, some time after the ballots arrived at the Polity suite ready for counting, where ALMOST everybody evacuated the building. . . you know

that we just can't let things be.

Do the above situation sound normal? Sound as if they could occur in the "real world" without any question? Could any of these scenarios occur in your neighborhood? Well, they happen here. This school takes pride in indoctrinating its students, making them into obedient sheep ready to take a fleecing at any time, at the whim of those in power. Several groups of students in this school believe they can control the thought of the entire student body through making them believe that they, individually, can't amount to anything, and they must have a stronger body make decisions for them and, dadgum it, they are succeeding.

All the above situations started out as ideas which were progressively shoved down a narrow pipe with the framer on one end and Polity on the other, neatly bypassing dissent or compliment from over 16,000 other students. Worse yet, nobody seems to care, and those that do, aren't unified.

What I am trying to say is this:

Do not, I repeat, DO NOT BELIEVE THE HYPE. Never accept questionable pitches without question. Don't make snap judgements on pressing issues. Avoid letting emotions influence your opinions about others' claims (ex. about the Coke issue, one hardy protestor thought she could bring somebody down to his knees by saying "How can you sleep while people are being murdered in South Africa?" He answered "I do" and went on to state his claims,) and make sure you get both sides of the story before you make your decisions. If there is a demand for the other side, it will have to be told eventually. Keep aware, alert, informed, and be your own person. Maybe, just maybe, this school could be a better place, and set an example for the world to follow, as our aim has been for a long time.

In any event, welcome aboard. We are glad you're here. Make your stay here memorable, profitable, and meaningful. See you on the battlefields of academia.

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what I mean.

Another thing. You may have noticed that our police force does not have guns. Imagine the NYPD or any other local law enforcement agency without armament. It is no wonder why our officers are nothing more than uniformed scarecrows who must call Suffolk County at every incident. Again, you can thank the vocal minority stepping on your voice for this safe and sound campus, for, should Public Safety ever use "excessive" force on us, should one of us innocent fledgling students get hurt, Public Safety would never hear the end of it. So we must settle with pilferage, rape and assault. Well, at least it keeps us awake and alert.

Finally, we pass referenda stating that Coca Cola is a racist institution which must be banned from our school. Of course, nobody heard any information supporting Coke on campus. Why should there be? Nobody indicated that they wanted to hear it. In addition, it will go against this campus's master plan. Nyup, here we go again. It seems

## Pee-wee Herman: Society's Scapegoat

By Rhonda Findling

**O**CTOBER 29, 1991 is Paul Reubens' (Pee-wee Herman) pre-trial hearing. Could he possibly receive any more punishment than the national humiliation he experienced in the last two months? So what if he was at the XXX South Trail Cinema July 26 watching Nurse Nancy or Turn Up the Heat? Could he have just had a disagreement with his parents and needed to physically and mentally escape for a few hours? Is our society still so phobic about any behavior that is not 100 percent straight conventional

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heterosexual behavior? Or are we so ashamed of our own sexual urges and fantasies that Reubens is being made a scapegoat, an example?

Besides, according to the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, a statement was issued by Reubens' publicist Richard Grant that the charges against Reubens were "totally untrue. He never exposed himself or engaged in any other improper activities."

He wasn't even arrested until he was leaving the theater, not when he was allegedly masturbating. According to the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, Reubens told the arresting officers, "This is embarrassing. How can I show you some I.D.?" While

one of the officers was looking at his license, Reubens was reported to have said, "I'm Pee-wee Herman." Maybe it was smarter not to tell the officers he was Pee-wee, but he may have panicked. Wouldn't any of us under those nightmarish circumstances?

Besides, why in the nation's largest drug-importing state, was the sheriff's office setting up sting operations in a porno theater?

What's so sad is that Reubens tried so hard to stay out of the limelight. No one ever read about him in the tabloids or gossip columns. He was a private man revealing little information about himself. He always conducted his interviews as

Pee-wee. *Vanity Fair* once described Reubens as "one of the few remaining performance artists who still believes in secrets, distance, mystique — the cosmetics of camp. He's a contained dynamo; he isn't out to spill his innards."

But maybe he tried too hard to hide his true self behind his character. Maybe it was time for Paul Reubens to separate from Pee-wee Herman. *Entertainment Weekly* wrote that Reubens declined to sign a new television contract last spring, quit giving interviews, and began traveling. It was rumored that he wanted to become a serious actor. According to *Newsweek*, his friends said that he planned to retire Pee-wee anyway. His actor-friend Bob Drew said in the article that "Paul's life was a time-bomb waiting to happen. Sooner or later, he was going to do something human."

Well, the bomb has dropped. So let's treat him as a human being and not a make-believe character. Instead of crucifying someone who has been considered a comic genius, who has given millions pleasure and entertainment, let's give him something back — a chance to resurface, reinvent himself, perhaps as another character, maybe as a serious actor. He may be a celebrity, but he's also a sensitive and gifted human being with feelings and a spirit that has the possibilities of being broken. Let he who has not sinned cast the first stone.

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By John Rainey

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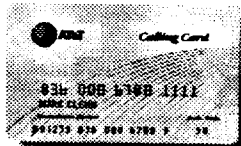
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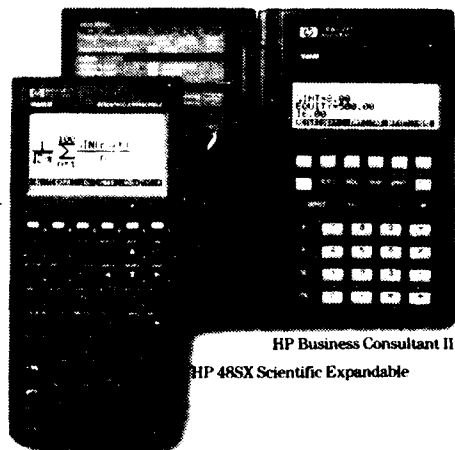
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Tyson charged with rape

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson appeared at the Marion Superior Court yesterday morning to face charges that he raped an 18-year-old woman several months ago.

Bail for Tyson has been set and posted for \$30,000 and the presiding judge, Patricia Gifford will set a trial date within the next 70 days. If convicted of the charges, Tyson will have to serve 63 years in jail.

The case surrounding the allegations have not stopped the World Boxing Council from promoting the Nov. 8 Las Vegas fight, where Tyson will be squaring off against Evander Holyfield for the heavyweight title. The WBC has maintained from the start that Tyson is innocent, and has complete confidence that the justice system will exonerate him of all counts.

The 25-year-old Tyson allegedly made sexual advances at a woman, who was a contestant at the Miss Black America pageant, in an Indianapolis hotel room. According to prosecutors, the woman continually denied Tyson but that he forced himself on her, nonetheless. Tyson, on the other hand, has stated that the woman was in full agreement regarding any sexual contact.

### Mets face injury to Doc

The New York Mets are living examples of the non-phrase, adding injuries to insults.

Mired in the dregs of the National League East, the Mets have also seen their roster decimated due to injuries to three key players.

The Mets' ace, Dwight Gooden, has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his rotator cuff to repair a tear and has had his right shoulder patched up. It is unknown how well and how long it will take for the damages to heal. The Mets are hoping that the "Doctor" can come back by the start of next season's training camp. In the meantime, Mets execs have to find a way to cushion the burdens of the pitching staff. The Mets had counted on Frank Viola to have a good year, but he has currently lost nine of his last 10 starts. Wally Whitehurst, whom the Mets kept instead of Ron Darling, is having a less than auspicious run; and Sid Fernandez, whom they thought had successfully recovered from last year's injury, has been re-relegated to the disabled list.

To add to the Gooden dilemma, right fielder Hubie Brooks will also be undergoing surgery today in Los Angeles; Brooks has a herniated disk in his neck.

First baseman Dave Magadan will also be going through rehabilitation this off-season. Magadan, who last season contended for the batting title has seen his batting average dwindle by 00 points. Doctors will be operating on both of Magadan's shoulders.

### US Davis Cup team named

The United States will be sending Andre Agassi and Jim Courier as representatives in the Davis Cup to be held at Kansas City next week.

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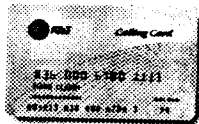
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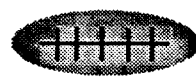
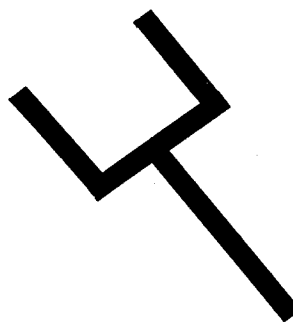
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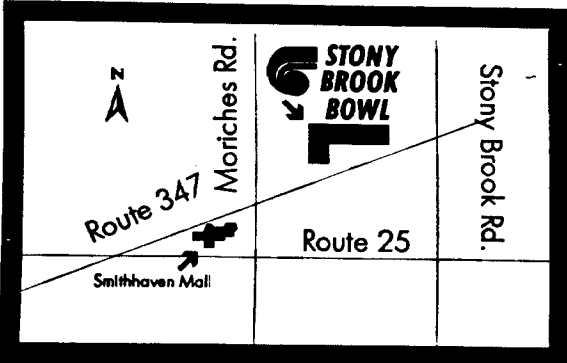
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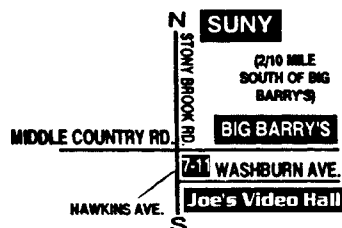
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# Nikas lifts team to victory

Special to Statesman

Junior outside hitter Stasia Nikas (Bay Shore, N.Y.) led the women's volleyball team to a season opening victory over Division II Molloy College. Playing for the first time in the new indoor sports complex, the Lady Patriots overpowered Molloy in three straight games as Nikas compiled 17 kills, 6 digs and 2 block assists. Nikas, who has been chosen VIP/*Statesman* Athlete of the Week, noted that the team had steadily improved throughout the pre-season and she added "We just seem to be clicking now."

Despite impressive stats, Nikas was quick to point out that there still needs to be improvements in her personal game. She notes, "I made too many careless errors." Nikas has returned to her high school position of outside hitter and appears to have made the adjust-

ment nicely. "It has been two years since she has played that position," said head coach Teri Tiso. "But it is something we need her to do in order to be more successful. It is Nikas' great work ethic which helped her make the transition to the new position."

In addition to a position change, Nikas has inherited the role of team captain. Being the only junior on a young team, Tiso feels that Nikas can lead by example as she said "As one of the top players in the Northeast, she'll take charge on the floor."

The winning tradition established by last year's New York State Championship Victory seems to have carried over to this season. Nikas is looking forward to making it to the NAAs and knocking off Juniata College, the team which beat Stony Brook in the NCAA regional playoffs last year. Tiso is a little more



Stasia Nikas

cautious in her estimations and mentions "I would like to get back to the state finals again this year but it will depend on how this young team matures."

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## Ladies open with win

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Lady Pats were edged 2-1.

"We came out a little flat," captain Lavery said. "We had our opportunities but came up short."

The first Iona goal came mid-way through the second half. "The shot was just out of my reach," junior goalkeeper Chris Foley said.

The team was not as mentally prepared for this game as they were for the one versus LaSalle, although freshman Amy Coakley and sophomore Mary Krieg turned in good individual efforts.

The lack of mental toughness was evident in the second Iona goal. A lack of communication in the defense allowed Lisa Caripello of Iona to slip through and get a clean shot past Foley. "The backfield seemed to be playing kick and run," said Foley.

With 20 minutes left, Callahan took a shot that hit the crossbar. Scheer was there to knock in the rebound. "It wasn't pretty," said Scheer, "but it just has to cross the line to count."

One factor that still remains to be seen is the effectiveness of the players who are currently out with injuries.

Although midfielder and sophomore Colleen McGowan played for the first time in weeks, she still managed to put in a solid performance. Other experienced players like forwards sophomore Deb Persche, junior Jen Cavallaro and sophomore back Debbie are still out with injuries.

The Lady Patriots will play their next game at the Women's Soccer Invitational this weekend versus Colgate.



# Kicking off to an injury-free season

By Jason Negrin  
Statesman Staff Writer

Walking along the road to the train station from H-Quad, one can view the athletic fields with a sense of exhilaration. There are large groups of athletes, all practicing their respective sports with a certain authoritative fervor.

## Football Preview

Amid the activity is a mass of 90 bod-

*"Whereas in the past it was important to win, this year it is important to play well in order to pave the path to victory."*  
— Sam Kornhauser

ies — the Stony Brook football team — which is going through the extensive drills in preparation for its first game this Saturday against Ramapo.

Head football coach, Sam Kornhauser assures an optimistic outlook for this season. "This improvement comes from a major change in the team's philosophy.

Whereas in the past it was important to win, this year it is important to play well in order to pave the path to victory," said Kornhauser.

Tangible changes are also occurring. All assistant coaches are working hard to improve technique and organization, according to Kornhauser.

What will the starting roster look like this season? On the offensive side, returning starting quarterback, Joe Moran comes back to the team after sustaining an injury last season. Tailback, Oliver Bridges, has recovered from a leg injury and will be back in action for Saturday's game. Powerful fullback George Kasimatis is also recovering from a hamstring injury. His position will be challenged, according to Kornhauser, by Kenny Zach, a transfer student from Westchester. Kasimatis, however, will start in Saturday's game. The starting receivers will include flanker Orazio Bucolo. The position of wide receiver is still up for grabs among Anthony Meola, Dave Lampasone, and Tom Alston a transfer student from southern Connecticut. On the offensive line it will be center Bill Justensen and guard Sean Stebbins. Tackles will be filled by Craig Perrino, Karl Simons or Chris O'Shea, who is recovering from an ankle injury. Freshman Dennis Craig will take the position of tight end.

On the defensive side, Mike Benedetto, King Wilson, Rich Russo, Doug Foster, and Brian Branigan will compete for the last starting linebacker position, while Rich McConekey and Bob Shepard have captured the other two spots. The defense tackles will be taken among Bruce Muro, Anthony Gentile, Brad Lachow, and converted back, Brian Borawsky. Defensive ends, Scott Hicks, and injured Tom Furrer, Dan Fuentes, and Sean Waxman will compete for the starting positions. Starting backs will consist of Scott Schuster, Chris Lopata and Bill Zagger, who has a hamstring injury. In the kicking department, there is some competition between junior Rich Black and freshman Dino Kalesis. Zagger will take on the punt and kick returns.

Head coach Kornhauser admits that although the starters are all set to go, the back-up needs to gain confidence. This may lead to difficulties because there are approximately 51 newcomers and 48 veterans. However, the veterans have done a good job in training the newcomers, according to Kornhauser. "They [the players] are proud to play. They are success oriented and are working hard to reach their maximum potential," said Kornhauser. "There has been a complete attitude change with both the coaches and the players. There has been more focus on the development of the individual. This has definitely been the best football camp ever. The positive effect will let them play at their very best."

All preparation and new training techniques will be tested this Saturday as the Patriots put what they have learned into action.

Changes in the schedule have also added to the Patriot's advantage. The most dramatic one is the advancement of Hofstra's football team from Division III to Division I-Double A. Both Stonehill and WPI were dropped due to transportation difficulties. To compensate, West Connecticut, Wesley Delaware and MIT were all picked up, which will balance things out, as these teams belong in the league that they are in.

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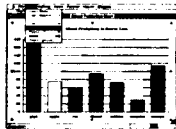
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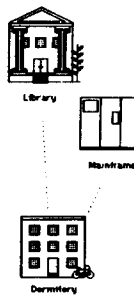
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# Bridges returns to Pats after leg injury

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

Oliver Bridges recalls the incident well. On the final play of a practice last year, Bridges was running a sweep to the right side. His instruction was to run as far as he could downfield, then swerve out-of-bounds — just close enough for the specialty team to consummate the two-minute offense.

Bridges runs. As he turns obliquely out-of-bounds, he is rammed by four different players into the ground. He hears a snap, feels no pain and assumes the sound belongs to someone else. He tries to get up. But he falls back down. Bridges' 1991 season had come to an end, on that final play of a practice game.

Today, one year removed from a broken right tibia, a stronger and eager Bridges closes a year tainted by rehabilitation and frustration, and looks optimistically instead to 1991.

The 20-year-old junior enters this season, owner of 14 university records. Included in those are the season rushing and career rushing records of 1,235 and 1,295 yards respectively. Bridges also set the all-time game yardage total by accumulating 225 yards against Stonehill — breaking his own successive records of 181

***"I clinch my fist and jerk my arm back and forth every time I make a good play."***  
— Oliver Bridges

yards versus Hofstra and 194 yards versus St. John's.

While his inaugural campaign inflated his personal statistics, Bridges was dissatisfied because his team only managed three wins the entire season, two better than it did without him last year.

"I'd score three touchdowns my freshman year and we'd still lose by three touchdowns," says Bridges. "It was frustrating, but we tried."

In spite of a poor record, the Wyandanch High School product is proud to play for the Patriots. He felt apprehensive at first with the role of a vocal participant in the locker room but says he has gradually begun to speak up and urge his teammates to win.

Outside of the locker room, Bridges maintains a quiet, yet productive on-field

demeanor. "I don't really talk much out there," says Bridges. "I just stay quiet and do my job." He is more comfortable displaying his emotions through body language — "I clinch my fist and jerk my arm back and forth every time I make a good play."

Number 6 feels confident in his team's chances to better its record with him as the focal point of the offense. "I think the team missed me last year when I was injured," says Bridges. "This year I think will be better."

Bridges feels his contributions will ignite the Pats. He does not hesitate to say he is the best athlete among the squad, but acknowledges he has an equally remarkable supporting cast. Bridges cites the abilities of Moran; defensive backs Bill Zagger and Scott Schuster and linebacker

Mike Benedetto — all of whom have contributed largely, one way or another, to Bridges' successes.

Because of Bridges' visibility on the playing field, he has had to become acclimated with a campus fame of sorts.

"It's a great feeling," says Bridges. "I don't really get big-headed about it, but you can't be too modest. Campus life is nice. I try not to get into too much trouble."

To help him stay out of trouble, Bridges surrounds himself with close friends he fondly refers to as "The Big Eight." Alfonso Grant, Ernest Owuso, Brian Walker, Lawrence Kershaw, Ron Skeete, Dwayne Washington and Milton Mills make up Bridges' group, some of whom previously played on the football team.

The self-described hardworking determined and talented Patriots athlete hopes that 1991 will bring more pleasant results for him and his mates. While he does not want to predict a win-loss ratio for now, Bridges does predict a bigger crowd turnout than last season. Asked why, Bridges grins, "They know I'm back."

Oliver Bridges has issued a caveat to the opponents — he is back. And for the spectators it can only translate into exciting times ahead.

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And I'm not writing this column just because I play rugby and enjoy it, or that it is becoming the yuppie sport of the 1990s, or because *Rugby World* is on weekly on MSG, or because I'm propagandizing for a little-known team at a little-known school in a little-known newspaper. I'm writing this column out of the goodness of my heart. I want all current Stony Brook

students and faculty to know about such a wonderful sport.

I really can't tell you about the history of the game, because I don't know it. I can tell you that I did read an article about it in *Sports Illustrated* from the early-1980s that I found in my closet. A team called the All-Blacks (they're not really all blacks but they do wear black uniforms — a sort of Thompson Twins scenario) from New Zealand does a little jig before every game, reminiscent of the Chicago Bears' Super Bowl Shuffle, which by the way, I saw on NFL Live on Sunday before Jim McMahon's first start for the Philadelphia Eagles.

I can tell you that Stony Brook's team has only seven returning starters from last year, and that the team plays its home games (of which there are four this year) at the women's soccer field in South-P lot, or near

South-P lot, or somewhere near South-P lot.

I can't tell you who won the championship last year, professional or college, or what the championship is called, or even if there is a championship. I can't tell you why a rugby ball looks like a pregnant egg (a pregnant egg? — does that solve the age-old question of which came first?) or where the word rugby came from.

I can tell you a few of the myths about the sport however. Yes, there is a rugby queer at every college. Yes, rugby players like to drink beer. Yes, rugby players attract the best-looking girls, unlike those ugly football guys or mama's boys' lacrosse players (No hard feelings, huh?)

I can tell you rugby is exciting, action-packed and dangerous. And two consecutive seasons is a long time.

## Gretzky still commands mystique and excellence

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

Approximately one month away from the commencement of the 1991-'92 hockey season, some of the world's best players are whetting fans' appetites with this year's version of the Canada Cup.

The once-every-year classic has been shadowed by Eric Lindros, whose contractual problems with Quebec have fans booing. While Lindros may have seemingly grabbed the headlines on the sidelines, one man continues to seize the spotlight on the ice — despite his age.

Canada's jewel manifests itself in the person of Wayne Gretzky. The neighbors from the north have accorded their first son with roses and applause and ovations and praises. The first son has requited his motherland with goals and assists and effort and class.

The religiously-hockey fanatic Canadians have recovered from a sting planted three years ago by Peter Pauklington, the Edmonton Oilers owner who sold Canada's living treasure to the Americans — to Los Angeles of all places, where hockey popularity was barely nonexistent.

In the years that Gretzky has been with the Kings, L.A. hockey has flourished among the celebs, the common hockey followers, the magnates who have invested money on promos, on TV deals, and the man known as the Great One.

Gretzky has used his name and his talents to showcase the Kings, to bring in revenues and to make them contenders.

Already 31 years old and seasoned enough past his prime, Gretzky still manages to command the mystique and excellence that has become synonymous with his

name, not just in L.A., but also in Edmonton — the town he left; in Quebec — where he is currently partaking of the 1991 Canada Cup; in Toronto — the capital of hockey; even in New York — where everyone who's not a Ranger is booed.

It is hard to find an athlete whose contributions to his sport compare to Gretzky's. The National Football League did well before Joe Montana and it will do well after him. Major League Baseball teems with names linked to the past, linked to success — Joltin' Joe, the Splendid Splinter, the Babe, the Say Hey Kid — it is difficult to pick just one standout to represent baseball. The National Basketball Association has been embraced by networks and followers with the help of guys called Magic and Michael and Dr. J. But hockey does not bask in such luxury. Sure Gordie Howe and Phil Esposito gave the sport some semblance of credibility. But Gretzky did more.

When the 80s came to a close, Gretzky was named the athlete of the decade, beating out Montana, Magic, Michael and Bird. The man who represents the least-watched sport in the U.S. became its emblem as the best of the best.

And as of Tuesday morning, Gretzky was one of the oldest in the Canada Cup tournament, but he was also its leading scorer with three goals and nine assists. In four Cup matches, Gretzky was the recipient of four straight player-of-the-game awards. He is the sport's most prolific point-getter with over 2,000, all of which have been accumulated in a span of 12 years.

In less than four weeks, hockey's premier ambassador will kick-off perhaps his final NHL season. The sport has survived with him. And thanks to him, the sport will continue to survive without him.

— Dave Fallace

## Rams surprise champion Giants

After last week's 16-14 win over the 49ers many fans thought of the Giants' winning streak of last year, of how the Giants systematically beat their opponents by running and gunning in the last moments of the game. But this week was different for the Giants compared to last year. The Los Angeles Rams capitalized on the fact that the Giants were not up to their championship and defeated 19-13.

The Giants were plagued by turnovers and overthrown passes. And the blame fell on the shoulders of quarterback Jeff Hostetler; the boos from the crowd at Giants Stadium made it apparent that it was displeased by the quarterback's performance. The Giants, it seemed, just couldn't come up

with the big plays to gain the important first downs.

The first quarter was scoreless, but the second earned a touchdown and a field goal for the Rams. The Giants were pretty much kept at bay, save for two Matt Bahr field goals. The score remained in favor of Los Angeles 16-6, as the teams headed into the locker rooms.

During the fourth quarter, L.A. scored two more field goals. The Giants ended the scoring after Hostetler connected with David Meggett for the Giants' only touchdown, bringing the final score to 19-13.

Next week, the Giants will face the undefeated Bears Sunday at 1 pm at Soldier Field.

— Dave Fallace

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## PATRIOT PLAYS

Men's Soccer at Swarthmore:  
Sat., Sept. 14, 2 pm.

Women's Soccer vs. Colgate at  
home: Sat., Sept. 14, 2:30 pm.

Football at Ramapo: Sat., Sept.  
14, 1 pm.

## Spirits high in Ladies' 1-0 win

By Larry Sawyer  
Statesman Women's Soccer Writer

The Lady Patriots soccer team opened up the season with an impressive 1-0 win this past Saturday against the LaSalle University Lady Explorers.

Going into the game, the spirits were high. "I was very nervous," freshman forward Miki Callahan said. "But once I calmed down, I began to play my game." This was the overall consensus of the team.

Five freshmen started for the Lady Pats, with three others coming off the bench

to give the team extra help when needed. This

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gave the team an added dimension of depth, which was lacking in the teams of the past.

The returning players also played key roles. Juniors back Heather Lavery, goalkeeper Lana Peterson and back Kristen Palmisano displayed great intensity, as did sophomore midfielder Sue Scheer. Their attitude gave the rest of the team a boost, which helped keep them in the game.

Despite the off-season changes, the team had no trouble working together. Middies Scheer, Rebecca Aig and Christina Cuggino had no trouble getting things started up front. They pressured the LaSalle



Goalkeeper Lana Peterson saves shot at practice last week.

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defense during a majority of the game, and were finally able to get their chance to put the finishing touches in the middle of the second half.

Scheer carried the ball down the left sideline and took a shot on goal. The LaSalle goalie pushed the ball just wide of the post,

but Callahan was there to follow up on the shot and tip the ball into the net.

"It's always easier to win the first game rather than losing it," said Head Coach Sue Ryan. She told her team, "We're not there yet. Be happy, but keep in mind what our goal is."

Keeping in mind what their goal is — finishing with a winning record — the Lady Patriots were not as fortunate in their second contest against the Lady Gales of Iona. The game was very close, but the

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## Pats crushed in opener, 7-0

By Alicia J. Spiegel  
Statesman Men's Soccer Writer

The Stony Brook Patriots men's soccer team in its season-opener at Cortland State Friday were defeated by a score of 7-0.

First-year Head Coach Nick Sansom said his team was at a disadvantage. Cortland State is ranked eighth in the country. Cortland State's defensive and offensive players were just too much for the Patriots, according to the coach.

Colin Charles, a sophomore and the Patriots' starting goalkeeper faced a total of 40 shots, saved 20 and yielded five. Back-up goalkeeper Jim Migadakis, a freshman, tended goal for the last 15 minutes of the game. He faced six shots, saved three and allowed two.

Midfielder Brett Buzzy, a senior and one of only eight returning players, had an opportunity to capitalize on a penalty shot after the score was 5-0. Buzzy missed; it was the first time he had failed to make good on such a scoring opportunity.

"There's no excuse for the loss," said Buzzy. "Some of the freshmen played well. After a certain point, we were just playing for pride. Cortland is one of the best in the

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— Brett Buzzy

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Despite the one-sided loss, Sansom feels confident that his team will progress as the season moves along. He is satisfied with his team and will continue to encourage his players to have high hopes for better games to come.

Buzzy feels that with the coach's help, the team will indeed improve. "Coach is very relaxed, very patient," said Buzzy. "He is willing to work with many of the new members of the team."

The Pats faced-off against Staten Island in their home-opener yesterday afternoon and will then play against Swarthmore on Saturday. More on these games in the Monday issue of *Statesman*.

## Rugby: The Unheard Sport

ANOTHER SPRING, another season. Another fall, another season. Pretty redundant huh?



Only two sports play here at Stony Brook: lacrosse, which plays a "fall-ball" minor exhibition schedule, and rugby.

The lax team begins its practices Monday, and it is possible that the team will play in an three-game round-

RANTIN' AND REAVEN

Eddie Reaven

robin tournament against Army, UMass and Rutgers.

"We only play if we're invited" said Brian Duffy a sophomore longstick defensive middle. "We don't know if we're invited yet."

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