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MARBURGER TO CAMPUS:

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President Forms Committee to Consider Arming Public Safety

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT John Marburger will take the first step toward an answer to the issue of arming Public Safety this week when he announces his appointments to a new university advisory committee on the topic.

The committee, which will be represent "a mixture" of the campus, will advise Marburger and the Department of Public Safety on all campus safety issues, including whether to arm campus officers with guns, Marburger said.

"The first thing will be to gather arguments about arming from the campus," Marburger told *Statesman*. He said that despite the recent \$8.5 million state budget cut, he will "find the money" to bring consultants to the University Senate who have experienced the issue on other campuses.

The arming issue, which was last addressed by the University Senate in 1983, was reopened last semester after a riot in the Student Union before a rap concert on Feb. 14 left four people injured. In 1983, Marburger upheld a Senate decision not to arm Public Safety officers with guns.

The incident, along with the "four or five other shootings on campus in the past few years," led Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, to support selective arming of the force.

"I can no longer find it acceptable that when there

are weapons involved, our students are left unprotected," said Preston. "They [Public Safety] wanted to stay during the riot. But they couldn't because they were unprotected."

But several student leaders — including the presidents of both the undergraduate and graduate student governments — have repeatedly voiced opposition to arming campus police.

"If they had weapons, would that have stopped what happened?," Polity President Dan Slepian said after the riot last semester. "I hope not — someone could have been dead."

Since then, Slepian said he has not changed his mind. "I will never be in favor of arming the entire force," he said. He is, however, open to discuss selective arming of the force, he said.

Although Polity, the undergraduate student gov-



University President John Marburger

ernment, has not taken an official stand on the issue, the Graduate Student Organization unanimously passed a resolution in April condemning any plan that would involve Public Safety officers carrying firearms.

"Suffolk police are highly trained and nearby,"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Women's Tennis vs. Hofstra: 3:30pm Varsity Courts. Call 632-7287.

Men's Soccer vs. Hunter Skyline Conference Game. 4 pm. Call 632-7287.

Iron and Silk, 8:00pm, Theatre Three. Mark Salzman plays himself in the film version of his award winning autobiography.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Department of Theatre Arts Presentation, "The Dining Room" by AR Burney. This is a comic drama in which six actors play 48 different parts. The story takes place over 60 years, but the setting is always the dining room. 8 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 2 pm, Sunday. Theatre One, Staller Arts Center. Series and single tickets available. Call 632-7230.

Flea Market. Every Thursday in the Student Union Bi-Level. 10:00am-5 pm.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Men's Soccer vs. Albany. 1 pm. Call 632-7287.

Should Public Safety carry guns?

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said GSO President John Nolan. "Let the county deal with the training and let them deal with the risks."

But Preston said the average reaction time of the Sixth Precinct, the nearest armed police, is 30 minutes. "Someone could get killed in that time," he said.

Richard Young, director of Public Safety, agreed. He said the Sixth Precinct's reaction time could not improve because its jurisdiction encompasses 115 square miles.

Young also discounted the belief that Public Safety officers would misuse firearms. "If they're not qualified to carry a gun, they shouldn't be Public Safety officers," he said.

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Nolan also said he was skeptical of the new community relations center Public Safety is setting up in the Student Union.

"We ought to look out for the PR campaign Public Safety has initiated," said Nolan. "Since arming is such a hot issue, I can't help but doubt their complete intentions."

But Young maintained that the public relations policies are independent of the arming issue. "We are not selling it," said Young. "This is not a campaign. It's up to the university and Dr. Marburger."

Young did say, however, that the force is pro-arming. "The arguments against arming make no sense. They don't have to perform the job every day."

Despite loud opposition to arming, Marburger said he is "finding more and more people who are in favor of arming."

"Society has changed since 1983," he said. "The campus is double in size and there are a great deal more violent crimes."

Nolan said he was concerned that despite Marburger's insistence that he has not yet made a decision, he may already have made up his mind.

Nolan said he was surprised at a statement Marburger made last semester at a University Senate meeting. Marburger said he was not concerned with the "numbers" of people opposed to arming Public Safety, he was interested in the "quality of the argument," according to the meeting's

minutes.

"That got me concerned," said Nolan. "I interpret that as 'students are not part of the democratic process.'"

Marburger, who will make the final decision based on advice from the University Senate, said he would release the names of the new committee members this Wednesday.

Alfred Goldhaber, chairman of the University Senate committee on arming Public Safety officers, said he is "in no rush" to give Marburger a decision because he wants to seek advice from the campus community.

Goldhaber organized a public forum Oct. 2 in the Student Union auditorium to gather opinions on the subject.

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Kozol kicks off lecture series

By Stephen L. Shapiro
Statesman Associate News Editor

In an age when our educational system faces cuts and criticisms, Jonathan Kozol offered us an understanding on the subject, as well as possible remedies to it.

Kozol, educator, civil rights activist and advocate for the homeless spoke to a packed house of students, faculty and community members at this year's first Distinguished Lecture Series, on Thursday, September 12, in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center for the Arts.

His address, "At the Mercy of America: Education and the Accident of Birth" dealt with our current state of higher education, asking questions such as "Can a child's future be predicted by looking at the circumstances into which he or she was born?" and "Do race and socio-economic status determine the path a child will follow?"

In 1984, Kozol's *Illiterate America*, focuses on the consequences illiteracy in America. He charges educators and politicians to take an active role in combatting the problem. His most recent book, published in 1988, *Rachel and Her Children*, portrays the lives of the homeless in New York City. After Kozol won the World Hunger Media Award, he donated the prize money to the family on which this book was based.

Kozol has also written other books, which include, *Children of the Revolution*, *The Night is Dark and I am Far From*

Home, *Prisoners of Silence*, *On Being a Teacher*, *People of the Book and Alternate Schools*.

Besides writing about education, Kozol has taught at Yale University, Trinity College and various public schools.

In addition, he has appeared as a guest on NBC's "Today Show" and PBS's "The MacNeil Lehrer Report" and "The Phil Donohue Show."

Kozol was born and raised in Boston and attended Harvard and Oxford Universities. His claim to fame came with publication of his *Death at an Early Age* in 1967. *Death at an Early Age* deals with urban public school education. The book is based on Kozol's first year as a teacher in a predominantly black school district in Boston. *Death at an Early Age*, in addition to selling over two million copies, is now considered a classic by contemporary educators and won a National Book Award in Science, Philosophy and Religion.

Continuing the University's Distinguished Lecture Series, for October, scholar, author and translator Geoffrey Fox will discuss "Inventing America: 1492-1992," on Wednesday October 2, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center for the Arts.

The University at Stony Brook's Distinguished Lecture Series is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost and *Newsday*.

(John O'Keefe contributed to this story.)



Jonathan Kozol

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SUNY programs get budget axe

ALBANY — Budget cuts are forcing the cancellation of not just classes, but entire degree programs, according to SUNY Central.

A cut of almost \$55 million to SUNY's \$1.4 billion dollar budget may not seem like much, but administrators and students say it is causing much hardship.

Twenty nine state-operated campuses face an average budget cut of 4.3%, according to SUNY Provost, Joseph Burke.

As a result of the cuts, many schools are transferring programs to community colleges which, unlike state-operated campuses, receive

money from local county governments. An example of this is the transfer of SUNY Farmingdale's Mortuary Science Program and its 93 students and teachers to Nassau Community College. SUNY Farmingdale expects to save up to \$150,000 by the transfer, and is considering others.

Other schools are taking more drastic measures by altogether eliminating certain degree programs.

Here is a list of some of the approved cuts:

- SUNY Geneseo will no longer offer health and physical education, as majors.

- SUNY Plattsburgh is eliminating six degree programs: health education, behavioral science and music, as well as three home economics programs.

- SUNY Maritime College is cutting a computer science mathematics degree and a nuclear science option in an edu-

cation program.

- SUNY Canton will eliminate an associates degree in business, banking, insurance and real estate.

- SUNY Farmingdale is axing a food service administration and an air conditioning engineering technology degree program.

Memorial run for victim

AMHERST — Students at the University Center at Buffalo's Amherst campus remember rape and murder victim Linda Yalem with the second annual Linda Yalem Memorial Run September 29.

Valem, who was killed and then raped last October while she was out on a bicycle path training close to the Amherst campus, is believed to be the fifth victim in a series of similar attacks.

The assailant, who has struck several times near the Amherst campus of the University at Buffalo, and near the

campus of Buffalo State College, is still at large.

Yalem's death raised the issue of notification of rapes by the administration. The series of rapes and attempted murders that had occurred in the vicinity of the campus may not have been discussed with incoming students because they were not considered on campus rapes, according to then SUNY Buffalo President Steven Sample.

Yalem's sister, Ann Brown, has filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the university for negligence.

Albany rapist still at large

ALBANY — A male attacker who raped, beat and robbed a University at Albany student less than a block from the campus August 29 is still at large, the *Albany Student Press* reported Friday.

Police released a composite sketch of the suspect, a black male, which is being widely circulated in Albany and on campus. Ironically, at the time of the rape, the University's director of off campus housing was in the vicinity distributing literature about rape prevention.

The 19-year old SUNY at Albany

student awoke at about 9:30 in the evening to find the attacker standing in her kitchen, police said.

"The woman ran back into her bedroom to notify authorities for help, but the intruder followed her into her bedroom and raped her," police LT Robert Wolfgang told the *Albany Student Press*.

After raping and beating the woman, he asked her if she had any money, and she gave him \$100. The rapist then tied her up with the cord from an electrical fan and fled.

New state law restricts type of proof

A new state law will prohibit the use of college and county sheriff issued I.D.'s to purchase alcohol, the *Albany Times-Union* reported today.

The law, which will go into effect on November 1, will strictly limit the types of identification which bars, liquor stores and beer distributors can legally accept. As of November 1, New York

State drivers licenses, passports, military ID's and state-issued non-driving ID's will be the only acceptable form of age identification.

This newly approved legislation will be enforced in an attempt to curb the amount of under age drinking that goes on among the student population of New York.

SUNYB among best bargains

The University Center at Binghamton was rated seventh in the nation of the best college values in Money magazine's annual college report.

The magazine has been on the newsstands since September 9 and says SUNY Binghamton is the logical choice for a "flagship" of the SUNY system because of the type of student it attracts: 71% of whom ranked in the top 10% of their high school class.

Tuition is \$2150 for residents and \$5750 for non-residents.

The University Center at Albany was ranked eleventh, ahead of such schools like Yale, Princeton and MIT.

Edward Turner, a math professor


and chairman of SUNY at Albany's University Senate, told the *Albany Times-Union* that SUNY is, "a complete university, with all the components that a complete university needs right across the board, with a number of outstanding departments. And furthermore, that's all available for a public school tuition."

Some other SUNY campus to make the Top 100 were the University Center at Buffalo, which ranked 27th, SUNY Geneseo, which ranked 28th, SUNY Stony Brook, which was ranked 32nd, SUNY Potsdam, which ranked 46th.

Rice University was ranked number 1st as a best college buy, though Geneseo took the No. 1 slot last year.

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Sign Language Courses Say A Lot

INSTRUCTOR Larry Forestal randomly selects students to tell him their names on the first day of class. When they do, the room is silent.

Forestal, the instructor for American Sign Language 111, teaches one of the most popular classes at Stony Brook. His class consistently has the highest enrollment of all classes that fulfill the university curriculum requirement for foreign language.

But that popularity may be threatened by some of Forestal's colleagues, who believe the course is an "easy A," and should not fulfill the curriculum requirement for foreign language.

Thomas Kerth, chairman of the Germanic and Slavic languages department, wrote a letter last semester to a University Senate committee urging the Senate to discontinue acceptance of the course. He argued that it did not "fulfill the purpose" of the university requirement because sign language is "not foreign." He also wrote that the course is an "easy A," which has caused the course's enrollment to "grow out of all proportion."

This letter, and the subsequent English department decision not to allow sign language courses to satisfy the foreign language requirement for majors, caused an uproar from sign language students, who held a protest in response.

When I got a call from an editor at *The New York Times* after the protest late last semester to do a story on the Stony Brook sign language "controversy," as he called it, I was confused. Certainly there were more interesting and pressing issues on our campus. Two Haitian students were facing criminal charges for questioning the administration and he wanted me to cover this? "Boy, those *Times* people are pretty boring," I thought.

But while digging the story up, I gathered some interesting observations. The opponents of sign language course seemed to have a deep-rooted resentment toward the popular course. And advocates of the course possessed a lust for it — one that is rare for any academic subject, especially at Stony Brook.

Many sign language students said the opponents had their own interests in mind. "[They're] afraid less people will take their classes because of sign language's popularity," said Dane

Spirio, a sign language student.

Other students see the controversy as a threat to future students who may want to work with the hearing-impaired. "[Forestal] and the sign language courses made me want to work in the field," said Jessica Sherman, a teaching assistant for the course. Sherman said she would not have considered the field if not for the program.



NEWS VIEWS

David Joachim

Sherman also disputed opponents' claims that the class teaches signed English and has no cultural background. Sherman worked with signed English last summer. Signed English, she said, is a literal translation from English to hand gestures, while sign language has historical origin — a figurative explanation.

It's people like Sherman that may be able to enlighten the University Senate committee about the sign language issue. This is a student who represents the objective of a non-major, introductory course — to heighten awareness and create interest in a subject not included in the major course of study. These courses encourage an understanding of diversity and diminish the

fear of the unknown. After all, how many of us get to interact with people of the deaf culture?

Forestal, who is deaf, would also be an ideal subject for the committee to review. So he doesn't have a doctorate, about which some professors have complained. He has something more: an experience and a culture that few of us can even begin to understand.

That's what higher education is all about. It doesn't take a piece of paper to prove one's worth as a teacher. It is the ability to enlighten and make a subject real — and to make it fun.

And that's exactly what this subject is, fun. Although my only experience in the sign language class was without the instructor (TAs led the class), many students have told me of the extraordinary experiences they have had in the class. Even in my class last week, the TAs' ability to reach students made Forestal's influence quite obvious.

So to all the opponents of sign language, I say this: Perhaps if your courses were able to reach hundreds of students and make it fun, you wouldn't be complaining about lower enrollment in your classes, and I wouldn't have to bore you with this column.

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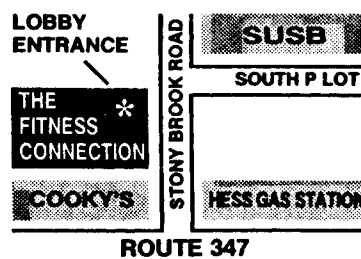
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Editorial

Crack Down on Dorm Security

Will we ever be safe on this campus? No.

Especially not after I walked into my building yesterday behind a old man with a long gray beard and a bottle of Jack Daniels in his hand. Now I knew he didn't live there, but he walked in like he belonged. Why? Well, the door was broken of course.

I know you're not surprised because we all know at least one door of every dorm building on campus will open if you just give it a little tug. In fact, one of the doors to my building is missing the entire core, making it quite easy for anyone to walk in and do what ever they please. Is it too much to ask for security in my own home?

If someone can figure out how to break into the building doors then how much more difficult can it be for someone to figure out how to break into our rooms?

How do the administrators of

this university sleep at night knowing there are strangers lurking around every building on campus? How can we be surprised when we discover students have been raped in their own rooms and belongings have been taken from them when they are asleep?

It is asking very little when we ask to have a secure living place when we are away from home. The university should provide us with night watchmen - on foot - in addition to Public Safety circling the grounds, for each building to ensure the safety of the people on this campus.

OK, we all know that we are in a budget crisis and that SUNY is suffering greatly because of it with cut-backs in jobs and programs. But how did we afford those lovely flower gardens in front of the Administration Building and all the other meaningless flowers and shabby we see flourishing all over

campus? Wake up. We, the students, would rather go to bed knowing we don't have to worry about doing our laundry with bums that walked into our building off the street, than smelling the daisies on our way to drop a course.

It's obvious that the university was trying to make Stony Brook look pleasant for the incoming students, their parents and the returning students. But that image doesn't stick when we go to our dorms and climb through a broken window or pull open a broken door to get in.

No, I don't feel safe in my building and I am not the only one. So it is time for this university to open its eyes to the lack of security in the dorms.

(Although this editorial includes the observations of an individual, its opinions represent the majority opinion of the editorial board of Statesman.)

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Monday, September 16, 1991

Africana Studies revitalized

By Darren B. Davis
Statesman Features Editor

THE AFRICANA STUDIES Department at the State University at Stony Brook has received a shot of adrenaline this semester.

With the return of Professor Amiri Baraka and the introduction of visiting lecturer Michael ONeal, both men, similar in thought and intention with respects to African American studies, seek to educate students, off all races, in the past, present and future of African American culture.

Among Baraka's classes, he will resume AFH 249, African Americans in Literature and Music, a class not originally on the semester's schedule and one that hasn't been taught for several semesters. ONeal will only be teaching one class this semester, AFS 463, The Media and Black America. This will be the first class ONeal has taught at the university.

AFH 249, according to Baraka is, "a study of black music and literature from the beginning of African culture, " as well as "The beginnings in the United States." This will touch on the worksongs of the past as well as the roots of Blues and Gospel music, and also today's Rap music, as influenced by the, "rap tradition in the spoken/slave narratives," said Baraka.

In AFS 463, "The idea was to determine and explore,

and possibly make some judgements about how African Americans are portrayed in the media," said ONeal. With a "focus on stereotypes," said ONeal, there will be an exploration of the definition of stereotypes, what kinds exist, how these prejudice peoples thoughts and why.

As well as the usual lecture-type teaching found in most classes, Baraka has plans to bring AFH 249 into a wider range of learning. "We wanted to have live performances on a weekly basis," said Baraka, and to have them, "open to the public to increase interest [in the program.]" This is, according to Baraka, "the kind of innovative approach we have towards our native music."

Unfortunately, due to state budget cuts, live performances may not be possible. "If we can't do it with live musicians due to budgetary restraints," said Baraka, "we have tapes."

ONeal's class will also use more than the conventional methods of teaching. Part of the course is spent educating the students in the operation and usage of video cameras. This is useful as "a service to university," said Professor Floris Cash, director of the Africana Studies department. "Especially during Black

History month," when the students use their training to videotape the events surrounding the month as well as other university goings on.

Students in AFS 463 will also be exposed to journalism teaching and editorial styles of writing. "I think [AFS 463] is going to be very interesting," said ONeal. "I'm very excited about it." ONeal cited his passion for the exchange of ideas and how they bounce off the students.

Baraka is a returning professor to the university who has been on leave for almost five years. ONeal is an editor of the *Big Red Press* and is classified as a visiting lecturer to the university. "I'm really close to this issue [Africana Studies]," said ONeal. "I can't emphasize enough how important Africana studies are, not only to the black student but to the white student as well."

As well as offering a glance into the cultural roots of the African American culture, said Cash, AFS 249 fulfills the category K-diversified education requirement for university core and is a required class for the Africana Studies major.

"The idea was to determine and explore, and possibly make some judgements about how African Americans are portrayed in the media."

Dan Slepian

Final year in the driver's seat

By Lisa J. Volpicella
Statesman Associate News Editor

HESITS AT HIS messy desk with tons of papers in front of him, a phone to the left of him and a picture of John F. Kennedy above him. He listens to people walking in and out of the Polity office every day and takes care of school activities. But he does have a life outside of Polity.

Polity President Dan Slepian, 21, does as much as possible during the free time he has. But free time does not come easy for Slepian. He spends Monday through Friday either in class, in the office or in meetings. Usually about two or three hours a day is all he has left to study and hang out with his friends.

"I love Stony Brook," Slepian says. "I've met so many diverse people who I never thought I would have met." Slepian says he loves to go out and meet people and loves to talk to people and get to know them. He would like more people to get to know him.

Slepian — who has served on the Polity Council for all of his four years at Stony Brook — has been in the spotlight many times and feels many people judge him before they even get to know him.



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Slepian, center, cuts ribbon at opening of Indoor Sports Complex last October.

"You can't judge a book by its cover," he says. "It's not cool." Slepian takes a lot of criticism from different people every day at work. Not everyone is going to like him, but Slepian feels, "Before people start staying stuff, they should get to know me."

"I'm a very sensitive person," says Slepian. "It used to be hard to hear someone

talk badly about me, but now I've learned not to let it bother me." This is a main reason why Slepian says he would never want to be a politician after college.

"Politics, as it is now, is really a corrupt organization and I would never want to be a part of that," says Slepian.

Slepian has many other goals in life and is starting to think of the future. He is

taking the LSATs in October and plans one day to become a lawyer. But Slepian also has another dream. He loves journalism and would some day like to be a television broadcaster. "Last summer I had an internship with NBC [TV]," says Slepian. "It was great."

Before he starts a career, Slepian would like to go to Europe. Already he is planning a two and a half month trip to Europe next summer after he graduates.

Polity has helped him structure his time. "It's tough," he says. "It's really hard when you're involved in Polity. Your responsibilities are not just with Polity."

Slepian spreads himself thin. With all his extra-curricular activities, he is still able to keep up a 3.1 grade point average with a double major in History and English. "Weekends are for homework," says Slepian.

Although Slepian does not have a lot of free time Thursday nights are always set aside for himself. Slepian, 21, usually goes to the Park Bench and parties all night.

Even with all his time restraints, Slepian says he would never wish his college career was any different. "I'm happy because I learned a lot," he says.

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REVIEW

Dead Again is alive

By Glenn P. Warmuth
Statesman Staff Writer

DEAD AGAIN is a supernatural thriller which involves an amnesic woman (Emma Thompson) and a private detective (Kenneth Branagh) who attempts to help her. After meeting with a hypnotist (Derek Jacobi), the couple finds that the woman is troubled by events in a past life. Under hypnosis she describes the lives of Roman and Margaret Strauss (also played by Branagh and Thompson), a couple who lived in the 1940's.

During a montage of newspaper clippings in the beginning of the film we find that Roman is to be executed for murdering his wife with a pair of scissors. The newspaper articles were all written by a journalist (Andy Garcia) who knew the couple. As the film unfolds we find that fate may determine what happens to the modern day couple as they fight to see if they are indeed Roman and Margaret reincarnated. The idea of reincarnation is explained by the strangest character in the film, an ex-psychiatrist turned grocer (Robin Williams).

Williams uses his small part to act as strangely as he can. As the ex-psychiatrist he uses a weird voice and lots of ticks to make the audience feel uncomfortable. His character is convincing and in a short time he is able to leave a much better impression

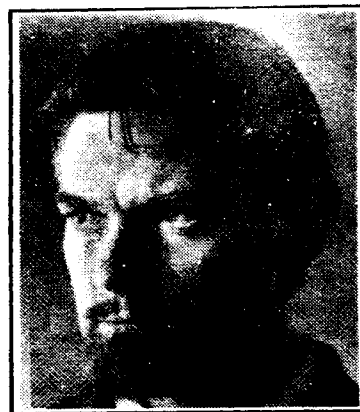
than Andy Garcia, who is fairly dull.

A switch between the use of color in the 1991 scenes and the mostly black and white 1940's scenes is used to emphasize the two time periods. Other techniques include a change in music and a change in the way the camera moves. The camera movement is smooth in the present day scenes in contrast to the sharp camera angles and film noir settings of the 40's sequences.

Dead Again is an excellent thriller with a few very good scares. The twisted plot which reaches into the past is always kept in focus. We are always able to follow the storyline without being beaten over the head with it. The ending is reminiscent of *Jagged Edge*, in that it is difficult to guess at the final outcome until it ar-

rives. The conclusion of the film sneaks up and provides the final twist to the plot.

Kenneth Branagh was nominated for both the Best Actor and Best Director Oscars for his film *Henry V*. *Dead Again* marks his American debut in which he directs and plays two of the main characters. After only two films he is being compared with Olivier, Hitchcock and Wells. He wrote his autobiography, *Beginnings*, in 1989 in which he describes the events that led to his film version of *Henry V*. He explains that he has finished one section of his life and that he is ready to begin with the rest. With *Dead Again* Branagh has definitely taken a good first step to his new beginning.



Kenneth Branagh

Wrapping up his reign

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"I've grown during the past four years tremendously." Not only did he participate in the opening of the Indoor Sports Complex with University President John Marburgerger, State Assemblymen and Senators, he also got to speak with Mario Cuomo last year at a rally for the Environmental Bond Act.

There are also a lot of fun things that Slepian gets out of Polity. "It's flattering when the girls or anyone comes up and says to you 'I know who you are.'"

Slepian is extremely impressed about how Polity has grown over the past few years. "Polity is like my child, my baby." But Slepian is happy that Polity has become a student organization and not an organization for the elite. He likes diversity and he likes to meet diverse and unique people.

Slepian lives in Langmuir College in his own room. "It's my castle," he says. Slepian says his room is his



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Dan Slepian

place to be by himself, to get away from it all. He spends weekends and breaks at school so it is very rare that he gets to go home to his family in Westchester.

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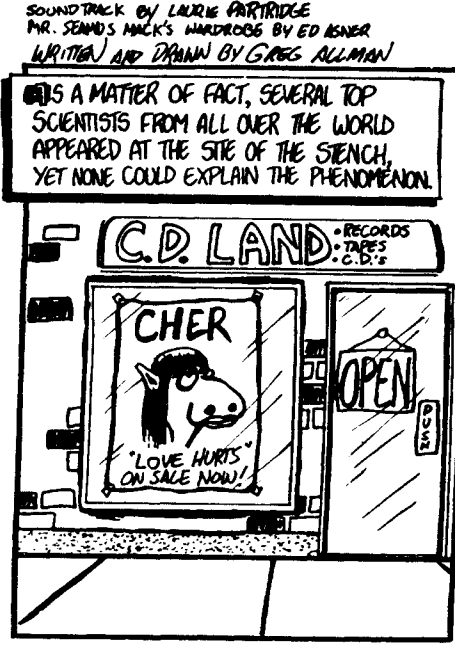
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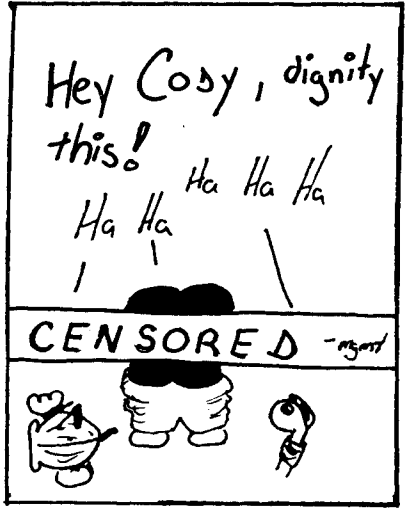
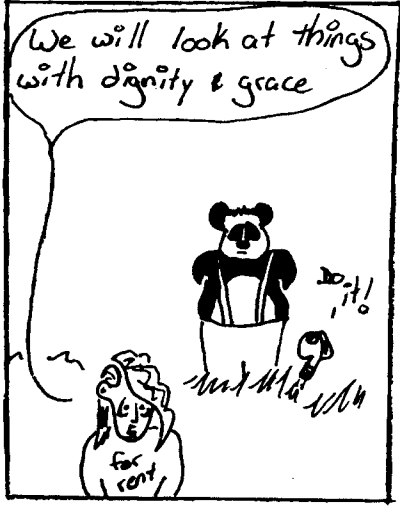
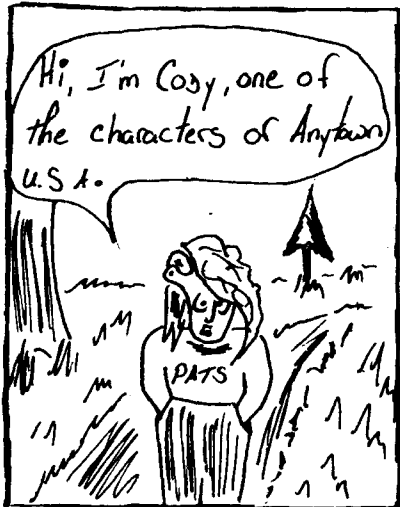


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Rangers lose captain during off-season

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The Rangers also obtained right winger Tim Kerr from the San Jose Sharks for New York native Brian Mullen. Kerr enjoyed his best playing days with the Philadelphia Flyers, where he made a living standing in front of the net. Mullen, on the other hand, was the team's fifth-highest scorer last season; in 79 games played, Mullen scored 19 goals, tallied 43 assists and recorded a +12 plus-minus rating.

The team gave up Czechoslovakian

defenseman Miloslav Horava for defenseman Stephane Guerard of the Quebec Nordiques. Horava played in 29 games last year and totalled seven points.

Shawn Sabol and Don Biggs will be making the transfer from Broad Street to Broadway as a result of trades with the Flyers. The Rangers surrendered future considerations in exchange for the respective defenseman and center.

Smith signed three players over the summer and lost one to free agency. Sergei Nemchinov is likely to be the first Soviet to

don the Rangers uniform, after being selected 244th overall in the 1990 Entry Draft. Also signed to new deals were center Corey Millen and right winger Jason Prosofsky.

Lost to free agency was right winger Ray Sheppard, who was picked up by the Detroit Red Wings. Sheppard last year played in 59 games, recording 47 points and was eighth in the team in scoring.

The New York Rangers finished off the 1990-'91 season at 36-31-13 and were eliminated in the first-round of the playoffs by the Washington Capitals.

X-country guns ahead to 1991

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

Leading the way for this year's men's cross-country squad are captains Pat McMurray and Dave Briggs. McMurray holds the university record with a 25:35 in the five mile/8,000 meter event. He holds all-NCAA Regional and all-CTC titles. Briggs, like McMurray is also all-NCAA and all-CTC, as well as an all-PAC runner.

These two veteran runners will join other returning players. Hank Shaw and Mike Brecher will continue to add their services to the unit. Shaw is one of the team's tri-captains and will look to contend for a top five spot; Brecher's 29:57 of last season will help to solidify the Pats' attack.

The Patriots will add four talented freshmen to their roster. Dan Tupag of Commack is a promising athlete. Head Coach Steve Borbet feels that "... He could be in our top five before mid-season." John Pikramenos of Rocky Point, Jason Clark of Jeffersonville-Youngsville and Neal Levy of Jericho are the other first-year runners for this season's team. Borbet believes that Pikramenos is a "tough runner" as well as a "good cross-country runner." He expects Clark to challenge for a top-seven spot and for Levy to enter the season in top shape.

Three transfers are a welcome addition to this year's edition of runners. Marc Conti, George Dabbiero and Chris Wilson are all being pushed to make it to the top seven. Conti was the former 800 champion for Suffolk County. He attended the Stony Brook School and transferred from James Madison.

Dabbiero is a product of Centereach High School, and prior to Stony Brook ran for Farmingdale. Borbet hopes he will contend for a top-five spot.

Wilson, also formerly of Farmingdale, has impressed Borbet. "He can run!" Borbet hopes that both Wilson and Conti can provide the spark that will propel this year's team to the Cross-Country Championships in Virginia.

The Patriots Cross-Country team has outlined its goal for the upcoming season: To place in the top three in all of their invitationals; win the PAC Championships; and place in the top five at the Albany Invitational on Oct. 19 as well as the ECAC Championships and the NCAA Regional Championships on Nov. 9 and 16 respectively.

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Lady Pats down Division-I Fordham

By Michele Abbatiello
Statesman Volleyball Writer

The Lady Patriots challenged the spikers from Fordham to five thrilling games on Tuesday night. Triumphant, Stony Brook came out on top 3-2.

In the first match, Fordham big and strong, defeated Stony Brook 15-11. The Lady Pats would not accept defeat easily however. They entered the second and third matches more focused and determined, proving to Fordham that they would not be walked upon.

Volleyball

Stony Brook beat them by a score of 15-5 in the second match and rallied into the third match with a victory of 15-5.

"For the first time this season we played well together. We finally gelled," said outside hitter Stasia Nikas, who recorded 23 kills.

In the fourth game, Stony Brook's candle went dim.

Fordham came out full force and defeated the Lady Pats 15-6. However, Stony Brook's fiery will was too strong.

The fifth game was rally point, in which a point is scored for each service point or side out. Each team competed point for point. Finally, Fordham seemed frustrated because of the great blocking of sophomore Sara Helmer who recorded eight blocks and 12 kills.

"She just kept stuffing them [Fordham] the whole game," said Nikas of Helmer. "Finally they just got frustrated." The Lady Pats continued to score eight straight points, helping them to defeat Fordham 15-9 in the final game.

Exhausted and excited, Stony Brook pulled away with another victory. Prior to this win, the Lady Pats downed Division II Molloy College 15-0, 15-10 and 18-16. With the victory over Fordham, their record now stands at 2-0.

Another fine performance was from Coach Tiso's

"Red Hot Player of the Game," sophomore Denise Rehor. Rehor's great setting added to the victory over Fordham; she recorded 44 assists.

"It felt good to beat Fordham," said team captain Nikas. "They defeated us last year in five games and this year we returned the favor."

The Lady Pats travelled to Albany this weekend to participate in the Albany Invationals. More on these games in the Thursday issue of *Statesman*.

Rangers enter pre-season

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

Today begins the New York Rangers' full training camp — away from Glens Falls, where the team previously spent a week in preparation for the pre-season schedule.

Last year's second-place division finishers enter the 1991-'92 pre-season without a captain and without a signed starting goaltender.

The Rangers lost center Kelly Kisio to the Minnesota North Stars in the 1991 Expansion Draft, as he was left unprotected. Kisio, who was hampered by injuries throughout last season, managed to accumulate 15 goals and 20 assists in 51 games.

Mike Richter, who comes off his first full season with the Blueshirts, has yet to be signed to a new pact. Richter went 21-13-7 in '90-'91, with a 3.12 goals against average. He finished second in the Vezina Trophy award race, given to the league's best goalie. Richter was also chosen to man the nets for team U.S.A. in the Canada Cup — along with teammate John Vanbiesbrouck.

On the trade front, the Rangers gave left winger Troy Mallette to Edmonton in exchange for left winger Adam Graves. Mallette, in 71 games last year, collected 21 points.

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'Do the Right Thing' for Olympics

PRESSED FOR A TOPIC to address in this week's column, my eyes became fixated with a sign on the wall across from my dorm room bed. In bold it reads, "Do The Right Thing. Condemn Hatred."

On June 17 of this year, the South African Parliament abolished the Population Registration Act. Under it, all South Africans were classified by race from birth. The act essentially laid the legal foundation for apartheid. Since then, three other laws were lifted which previously dictated where people could live, what property they could own and which public accommodations they could use.

Satisfied with these revolutionary changes, the International Olympic Committee bid adieu to a 21-year-long ban against South Africa in the Olympics. Twenty-three days separated the abolition of the Registration Act from the reinstatement of South Africa into the heralded events. The question now stands, did the IOC do the right thing?

Being a fanatic lover of sports and a staunch believer of racial equality, nothing will "bump my gooses" more than a white South African runner embracing a black South African runner after victory. Nevertheless, it's hard to believe what South Africa is trying to sell — that a legacy of hatred and ignorance

can be erased by one dash across the finish line or by a sudden legitimate abolition of policies already deeply ingrained in the minds and souls of millions.

And I know, I know — politics should not affect sports and vice-versa. But unfortunately it does.

It's easy for viewers to look superficially at the Olympics, sort of like, "Way to go South Africa! It was good of you to abolish apartheid." I say, yes, South Africa, it's about time.

I am afraid that this all too quick reacceptance will blind people even more. Though a legal effort was made by President F.W. de Klerk to dismantle this heinous policy, who's to say implicit discrimination does not continue to pervade South Africa until now? I bet it does; practice and theory are two completely different spectra, after all.

South Africa is manipulating the Olympic Games. It is using a tradition of competition and honor as a forum for propaganda. South Africa is advertising itself and its new-found semblance of equality to the rest of the free world so that companies and nations can resume trade with them and reinvest in them.

Isn't this exploitation of blacks? And isn't the exploitation of blacks by South Africa what the world is trying to destroy?

Granted, if any force in the entire universe can ameliorate a tense situation, it is sport. In 1945, Jackie Robinson was the first black player to don a major league baseball jersey. He paved the way for other blacks. Along with gradual baseball acceptance came gradual societal acceptance. There was integration. And sport was a big part of how and why.

So, optimistically speaking, if Jackie Robinson can turn the myopic eye around, why can't the many talented black South African athletes? If sports has to be the first step, then kudos to the IOC for doing the right thing.

But realistically assessing, even if our very own U.S., which claims to the other nations that it has succeeded in integrating the races, suffers grave deficiencies — what is to be South Africa after the Olympics? Will they be welcomed back with open arms? Or will their country, who by then would've been welcomed back by the economic world, continue to discriminate against them?

The Olympics is a no-lose situation for South Africa. It'll feature its black and white athletes, placate the world for a moment and revive financial partnerships in the process.

The consolation for the athletes is brief glory in the sun and an uncertain future back in their homeland when the paparazzi draws to a halt.

Did the IOC do the right thing? I would've waited a while longer for South Africa to really prove itself before I threw open my arms.



SANDRA SAYS
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First-year head coach, Nick Sansom.

Men fall short in overtime

By Alicia J. Spiegel
Statesman Men's Soccer Writer

The Stony Brook men's soccer team lost its second consecutive game last Wednesday, this time falling short to Staten Island 4-2 in overtime.

The game was a struggle up until the overtime. Within the first minute of the contest, the Dolphins scored their first goal. Patriots goalkeeper Colin Charles came out to try and play the ball. The Dolphins, with the net unattended then knocked the ball in for the tally.

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On the succeeding play, Charles was able to deflect the Dolphin attempts.

To get back into the game, players like midfielders Jason Musengo, Chris Grillo, Brett Buzzy, defensemen Neal Clemons, Jacques Nijankin and forward Louis Palermo made efforts to score. Their collective effort finally paid off when sophomore midfielder Stuart Koziol recorded a goal.

The score at the halftime mark had the Patriots down by one goal, 2-1.

In the second half of the match, the Patriots were able to contain the opposition from scoring. The Pats then managed to tie

the score after junior Buzzy capitalized on a penalty shot.

The two-quarter overtime session saw the Dolphins scoring twice, while the Pats were unable to muster any offense.

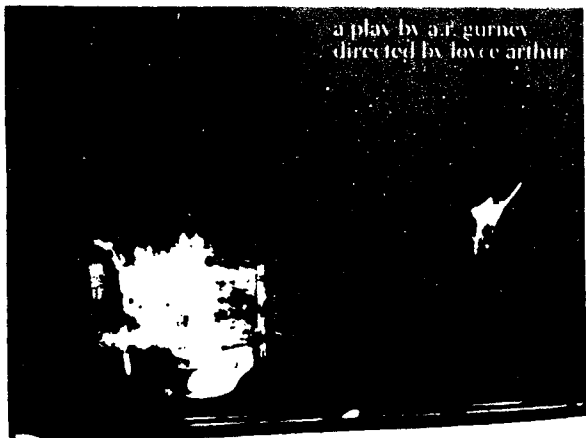
Junior defenseman Andrew Femino was disappointed with his team's showing.

"Our team definitely needs intensity," said Femino. "We need more organization and more of a desire to win."

With these goals in mind, the Pats faced-off against Swarthmore this Saturday.

More on that game and this afternoon's home match versus Hunter in the Thursday issue of *Statesman*.

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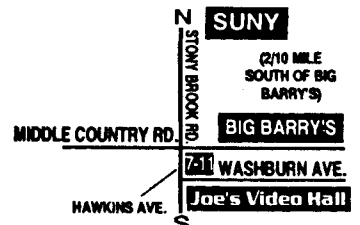
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PATRIOT PLAYS

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Monday, Sept. 16, 4 pm.

Women's Soccer at Yale:
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3:30 pm.

Football at Bentley:
Friday, Sept. 20, 7 pm.

Defense does it in defeat

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The Football Patriots kicked-off their season opener this Saturday with a defeat in the hands of nationally-ranked Ramapo, 12-0.

Offensively, the Pats rushed for 45 yards and passed for eight. On defense, they were led by junior Scott Schuster, who had 10 tackles, recovered two fumbles and caused one; junior linebacker Michael Benedetto, who recorded nine tackles and recovered one fumble and junior defensive tackle Bruce Muro.

Benedetto was extremely pleased with the way he and his defensive mates played. "Our D line played an excellent game," said Benedetto. "It was the most physical game we've ever played. We were out-weighted and out-sized, but we just played aggressive."

Head coach Sam Kornhauser agrees. "Our defense played probably the best I've seen in eight years coaching at Stony Brook," said Kornhauser. "They did as well, if not better than our defense of three and five years ago, which were nationally ranked."

The Pats' tenacious defense was able to contain ninth-ranked Ramapo for most of the contest. After a touchdown late in the first quarter and a touchdown early in the second quarter, the Pats' defense exhibited Benedetto's claim: "This is the best defense unit ever at Stony Brook."

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The first score came after a Patriots fumble. Ramapo recovered and ran the ball to the end zone for 19 yards. The Pats then blocked the subsequent extra-point attempt.

The second Ramapo tally was off a counter-play, in which Ramapo's offense blocked out the Pats' outside linebacker, Richard McConeky. Ramapo consummated an 18-yard pass and decided to go for the two-point conversion. The Pats again stopped them.

"They were easy breaks," said Benedetto. "Ramapo didn't have to put in much of an effort in scoring. I don't see other teams driving against us easily."

The defensive gameplan was to hit Ramapo hard and not allow them to use height and size to their advantage. "On the side, we were all just saying that if we hit them hard, they'll just fumble the ball," said Benedetto.

Tight ends coach John Massaro seconded both Benedetto's and Kornhauser's assessments. "The defense

played very well . . . unfortunately, our offense couldn't score."

Senior quarterback Joe Moran played one quarter before yielding to junior Joe McVeigh. "Moran made a couple of mistakes early," said Kornhauser. "He was still bothered by shinsplints and we replaced him with McVeigh. McVeigh did as well as he could for us."

Coach Kornhauser said, "The offensive unit made mistakes. There were three fumbles, some mental mistakes on blocking. I think everybody was trying too hard."

"They [the offense] just had a bad day," said Benedetto. "Our offense is better than that. Next week, I expect them to score 40 points."

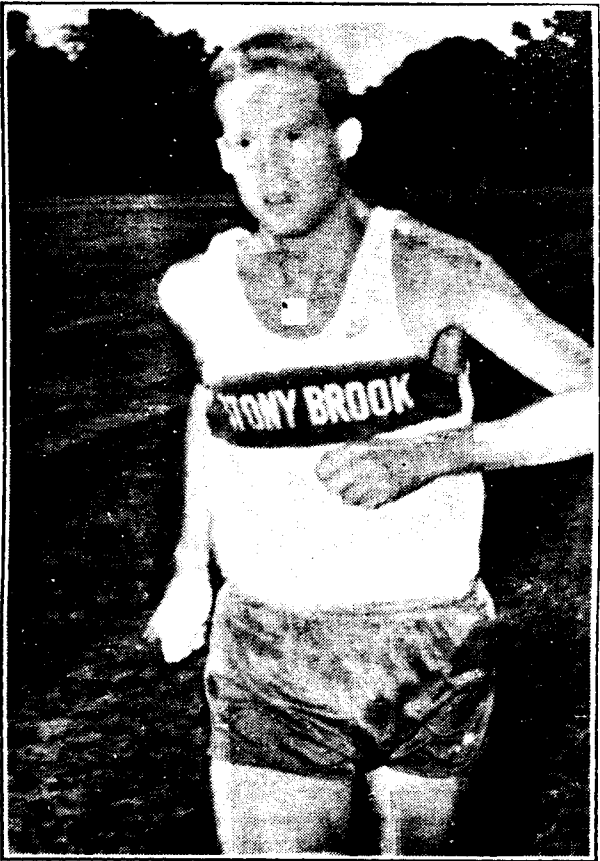
Kornhauser was very proud of his Patriots after the game, despite the loss. "They never quit," said Kornhauser. "Our guys played real hard and put a scare on Ramapo, which is a very good team."

Benedetto added, "We played them tough considering they're number nine in the nation."

"You can't imagine the intensity," said Kornhauser. "You can't imagine the effort."

The Patriots will look to sustain the intensity and effort for next week's match-up against Bentley. Bentley finished last season at 7-1. The Pats' series record against them is 1-1.

"We have to play a power-running game against Bentley," said Kornhauser. "They're ranked defensively. We need to run the ball more successfully in order to win."



Pat McMurray

McMurray leads Pats

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The Patriots cross-country team kicked off its season opener this Saturday at the Stony Brook Invitational at Sunken Meadow Park.

The men's team placed second overall with 30 points, behind first-place finishers, Towson State with 27 points. Senior Pat McMurray captured second place honors with a time of 27.11.

"Pat ran really well for us," said Head Coach Steve Borbet. "He came back from fifth place to finish second."

Towson State's Paul Walters edged out McMurray, as was the case last season. This year, McMurray downed his time from last year's 27.46.5.

For the Pats, senior Dave Briggs ran behind McMurray and finished fifth overall. Briggs recorded a time of 27.37.9, a vast improvement from last year's mark of 28.43.

"Dave improved a lot," said Borbet. "We expect Dave and Pat to place at the top-10 of all our races and go to the Nationals."

Freshman Jason Clark surprised everyone by running a time of 28.13.2. Clark captured ninth place out of 66 total runners. "That's a super time for a freshman," said Borbet. "Jason is really good."

The fifth man, Hank Shaw came in at 18th place. Shaw cut his time from last year's 30.56 with a mark of 29.29.6.

The Pats were without the services of their fourth man, freshman John Kikramenos. Kikramenos is likely to run next Saturday at the King's Invitational at Briarcliff Manor.

The women finished fourth in their half of the competition with 74 points.

Sophomore Nicole Hafemeister placed eighth overall with a finish of 21.35. She was followed by fellow sophomore Delia Hopkins, who ran 22.12.4 for 13th place and freshman Luci Rosalia who came in at 14th place with a mark of 22.14.8. The only senior on the squad, Meegan Pyle finished in the 16th spot with a time of 22.26.3.

The women were barely defeated by Division I Towson State, which finished with 67 points, seven fewer than the Pats. Division II Southern Connecticut had 66 total points and the winning team, Manhattan College had 24 points.

The Sunken Meadow course is considered by Borbet to be the most difficult on Long Island, and on the team's schedule. Such hills as the "Cardiac Hill" and the "Incline" have helped to add to the course's tough reputation. The men and women ran a respective 5 and 3.1 miles.

"I'm really pleased with how we did," said Borbet. "It was very close. I was real happy with our performance, considering we were missing some of our people and that it was our first meet."

The cross-country team will get back into action at Briarcliff Manor Saturday, Sept. 21, where it will participate in the King's Invitational.

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