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Student and staff gather at the University Hospital Tuesday to protest parking conditions and fees. (Inset): Student holds up sign at rally.

# 400 Protest Fees

## Students, staff blast closing of free parking lot

By Scott Joachim  
Statesman Staff Writer

**M**ORE THAN 400 STUDENTS AND STAFF members demonstrated near the University Hospital Tuesday in protest of increased parking fees.

The parking fees for all students from the Health Science Center and hospital personnel will be increased as a result of the destruction of an existing free parking facility near the hospital, said Dan Forbush, university spokesman.

The university, which said the lot was intended only for temporary use, will re-route approximately 1,000 cars to a newly constructed parking garage.

Although the university's original plan was to charge \$30 a month for parking in the garage, the rate is being reconsidered, said Stan Altman, deputy to the president.

Forbush said the gravel lot was constructed as a temporary lot with the understanding that it would be destroyed by 1990. "The lot is . . . unsafe and environmentally poor," said Forbush.

The increase is only a proposal, because the administration is bound by contract to receive approval of all fee increases affecting the HSC by the Public Employees Federation Union, which represents the hospital personnel. "It's part of a larger pattern we're seeing to try and shift costs by making the workers pay for their debts," said Chris Vestuto, Graduate Student Organization project director.

"I'm really appalled," said HSC student Sharon Diaz. "It costs me more to commute and park than it does for my husband to go to Manhattan — and he gets

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## POLITY BRIEFS

## Personnel, elections, arming top Polity Senate agenda

By Scott Joachim  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Polity Council last night told the senate it approved a resolution earlier yesterday to form a committee of five non-council members to evaluate Polity personnel, and write policies concerning personnel-Polity relations. A resolution to have the committee research the corporation's interests in keeping Tobi Yudin as executive director of Polity was not approved. Yudin's employment ended yesterday. Irene Agostino, Polity's financial manager, will be the acting executive director until a new one is appointed, said Polity President Dan Slepian.

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The senate discussed the possibility of renting poll machines for future elections as a reaction to alleged election fraud during last year's Polity elections. A motion was passed to direct the election board to look into the costs for the proposal. A resolution cannot be passed without the senators' discussion with their respective college legislatures.

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Polity presidential appointments are available to all undergraduate students. Such positions include appointment to the University Senate, Faculty Student Association, and a Public Safety Arming Committee that will be formed, said Slepian.

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Slepian told the senate that the council voted yesterday to take a stand against the arming of Public Safety officers. This is not an official Polity decision, but merely a position of the council. The final decision will be made by the senate.

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Slepian informed the senate about today's protest against increases in parking fees. The demonstration will take place at the administration building at 3:30 pm and will be co-sponsored by Polity and the Graduate Students Organization.

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A Student Activities Board representative told the senate that Homecoming events, which will take place Oct. 17-20, will include a Howie Mandel comedy show on Oct. 18 in the East wing of the Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex.

## Pizza man assaulted, robbed; car accident injures three

More than \$2,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a room in O'Neill College Monday at 2:07 pm. No one was arrested.

A computer was stolen from the office of the Kelly Quad director Sunday at 11:44 pm.

A non-student was arrested and charged with criminal mischief Sunday at 2:30 pm after he allegedly broke a window in Benedict College. A Benedict College resident assistant identified the man to Public Safety after the RA saw the man and another non-student in the building and asked them for identification. When they refused, the RA called Public Safety. The arrested man confessed his crime in a written statement, according to Public Safety. The other man was not found at the scene.

A Domino's pizza deliverer was assaulted and robbed by five unidentified males outside O'Neill College Saturday. The deliverer sustained minor injuries at 11:58 pm as he was trying to gain access to the building. The five men

stole the three pizzas the deliverer was holding, threw him on the ground and beat him. Despite his plea for the men to take his money and leave him alone, the men kept hitting the deliverer and did not take the money, according to Public Safety. No one was arrested.

Three people were injured in an accident on North Loop Rd. last Thursday at 10:59 pm. Raymond Esser was driving his motorcycle without a license when he crashed into a car driven by Suzanne Ciarmella. The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps arrived at the scene and administered first aid to the two and another person, who could not be identified. Ciarmella sustained minor injuries, while Esser suffered severe injuries to his lower body.

Two hundred expired and confiscated university identifications were stolen from the identification and traffic office in the administration building Sept. 22. Public Safety said the unknown perpetrators entered through the ceiling of the ID office. Public Safety is patrolling the area every day as an added precaution.

The Loop Rd. Deli was burglarized of \$315 at 8 am Sept. 19. Public Safety found no signs of forced entry in the incident, and no one was arrested.

### POLICE BLOTTER

David Joachim

## HSC parking protested

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paid."

"It's absurd," said GSO President John Nolan. "This place is going ivy league and I won't take it."

According to a newsletter produced by the university, those affected by the changes will have two options:

- Park in the South P lot and take a shuttle bus to the HSC at a cost of \$10 a month.
- Pay the proposed monthly fees for space in the garage adjacent to the HSC.

Although David Greene, regional coordinator for the union, said the university plans to raise the monthly fee to \$30, a 100 percent increase, Altman said such a fee is no longer up for discussion. He did say, however, that some kind of increase will be incurred by all students, as a necessary solution to the university's parking budget problems. Altman would not comment on the amount of the new rate.

In a public notice by the PEF union, Greene stated the Clinical Practice Management Plan was instituted for the purpose of building an ambulatory care pavilion, for which the garage was constructed. Although the garage was built, the pavilion never was, and now the employees are forced to cover the cost, he said.

"This garage is necessary even without the construc-

tion of the ambulatory care pavilion," said Altman. He said that when the pavilion is complete, the university will have to build at least another two tiers onto the garage.

Forbush denied any connection between the CPMP fees and the parking project, and said the destruction of the gravel lot is necessary to promote safety and environmental concern due to "erosion, run-off and flooding." But according to Greene, "The last time these were wetlands was when the dinosaurs were [urinating] on it."

Greene said that although CPMP money has not yet been spent on the ambulatory center, "President [John] Marburger allowed part of it to be spent for lavish office conditions," including a combined \$176,000 on custom doors, a private bathroom and mahogany office furniture. He said the money was laundered through a not-for-profit corporation called the Research Foundation, in order to avoid paying sales tax.

Forbush denied the renovations were "lavish." "The truth is that there was 20,000 feet of reconstruction which required significant reconstruction costs," he said. The construction was necessary as a reaction to a 20 percent increase in HSC students between 1985 and 1990, as well as a "dramatic" increase in out-patient visits, said Forbush.

The Student Polity Association and the GSO will co-sponsor a rally opposing increases in parking fees today at 3:30 pm near the administration building.



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# Most oppose arming at forum

By Toni Masercola  
Statesman Managing Editor

About 40 students showed up to voice their opinions about the pressing issue of arming Public Safety officers during an open forum yesterday. The consensus was opposed to the issue, while only one student spoke out in favor of arming.

Students, faculty and staff argued that they have not been convinced of Public Safety's ability to carry arms. And they fear that the only reason officers wish to be armed is so students will respect them as officers.

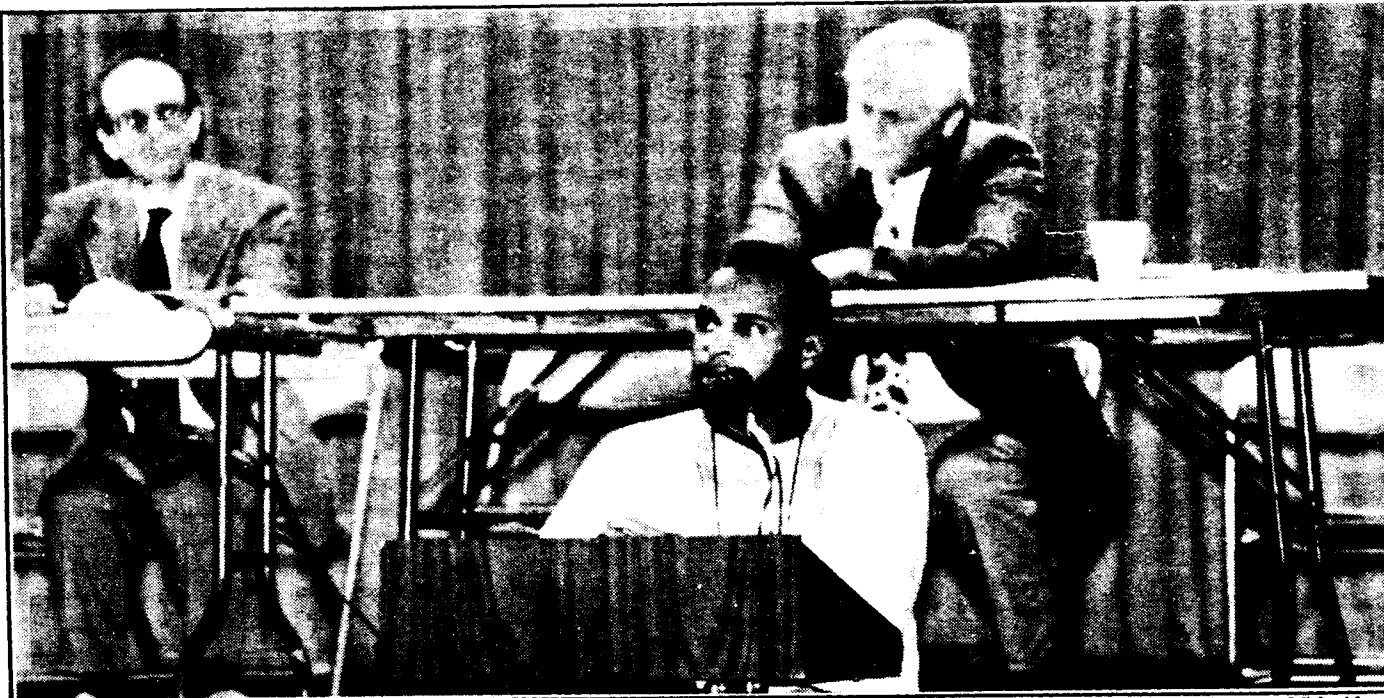
"Public Safety deserves respect," said Frank Shih, senior academic advisor and associate director for the Center for Academic Advising, "but having arms will not enhance their respect from the university community."

"The mentality that says I need a gun to be respected bothers me," said *Graduate Student Organization News and Blues* Editor-in-Chief George Bidermann.

Many voiced concern that there have been too many incidents on campus where Public Safety officers have mismanaged their authority or acted unsympathetically to cultural differences.

"I don't feel Public Safety has proven itself mature enough to be armed," said Todd Stephens, Student Association of the State University and United State Student Association delegate for Stony Brook. Stephens said he felt Public Safety wasn't sensitive enough towards women and people of color and that they have a lot to learn before they can even consider being armed.

President of the Black Faculty and



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Todd Stephens addresses arming issue mediated by Alfred Goldhaber, left, and Jim Lang yesterday in the Union auditorium.

Staff Association Al Jordan said he is concerned with the composition of the Public Safety officers. He said he felt the officers needed extensive comprehensive training about diversity and cultural differences. Jordan, who used to be a member of the New York State Park Police, said, "I have been in your shoes. I know the challenges. I know the problems... I am not in tune with the way in which you choose to solve it."

Many thought the idea of arming was premature and needed to be discussed and

aided by alternative solutions. Shih proposed several other techniques and ideas to enhance safety rather than arming Public Safety. His ideas included installing surveillance cameras in the parking lots and stationing guards not only at the main entrance after midnight, but at the other entrances as well. He said the money that would be involved in the training process and salary increases to arm Public Safety could be brought to better use under new security measures.

"If we rely on educating students and

organizing students maybe we can stop the crime wave," said one concerned student. "The same amount of money for arming can be used to increase security."

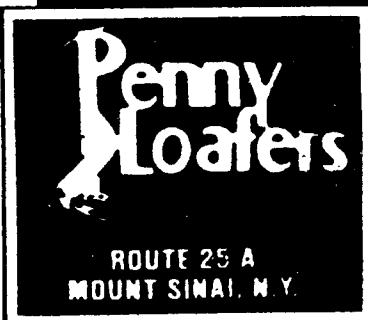
Darren Cotten, a Polity senator from Keller College, argued that Public Safety officers need to be armed in order to cut down on violent crimes occurring on campus. Cotten said reaction time is imperative and Public Safety should be able to respond to a violent attack or crime

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# NYC labor commissioner speaks

By Stephen L. Shapiro  
Statesman Associate News Editor

Former New York City Commissioner of Labor Relations Eric J. Schmertz spoke about Municipal Labor Relations During Economic Adversity, the first lecture in the all-new Harriman School for Management and Policy's Visiting Lecture Series.

Schmertz's talk, dealt with the use of collective bargaining as a tool to bring about successful contract negotiations during poor fiscal periods.

Collective bargaining is negotiations where trade unions or similar associations mediate labor contracts with management.

When a contract negotiations reach an impasse, an independent arbitrator may be called in to resolve the issue.

Schmertz's lecture stems from his tenure as New York City Commissioner of Labor Relations.

When asked by Mayor David Dinkins to serve as his Commissioner of Labor Relations, Schmertz said that he was reluctant to accept at first because of the

city's poor economic health. "I accepted because the mayor and I agreed on our labor negotiations policy, which uses collective bargaining and arbitration," said Schmertz.

"Through my tenure as Commissioner, I was vehemently criticized by media in the city, based mainly on one negotiations package I negotiated with the city's teachers," said Schmertz.

Schmertz was referring to a settlement with the teachers' union in which he saw to it that a nasty strike was averted by "collectively negotiating" concessions, such as deferral of pay increases and re-apportionment of funds from the teachers' pension program.

"In all, through my joint efforts with the city's board of education and the teachers union, the teachers got a five percent pay increase, at a cost of 1.5 percent to the taxpayers," said Schmertz.

When it came to the possibility of teacher layoffs, Schmertz said, "we made sure that teachers' jobs were saved by

initiating deferrals until 1995, when these monies will be paid back to teachers with interest."

Similar collective bargaining efforts were achieved with other city worker unions and the Teamster's union, Schmertz recently has returned to the private sector, where he does arbitrations work and teaches at Hofstra University's School of Law.

Since leaving his post as NYC Commissioner of Labor, Schmertz is associated with the law firm of Rinkin, Radlen, Bayh, Hart and Kremer.

On collective bargaining, he said, "the process is too ingrained in our system to warrant any other process's use, it would be radical surgery," said Schmertz.

Through his career, he has been on various executive positions for both corporations and unions. He has contributed to many labor relations publications and co-authored *Personnel and the Law*, which was published in 1987.

Samuel London, director of the Center for Labor Management Studies said, "we

used to sponsor conferences, but since the Long Island and neighboring New York City had a multitude of conferences, we decided that a speaker series would better serve our needs."

With the extremely high turnout for the first speaker, London says he hope the speaker series's momentum continues.

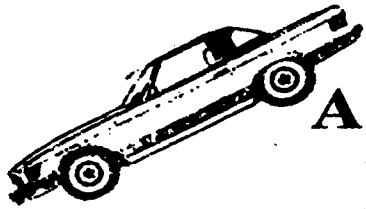
"We've gone a long way to bring in some of the best experts in the field of Labor Relations," said London, "Eric Schmertz is a fine example."

The Visiting Labor/Management Speaker Series was developed to provide Long Island's Labor Relations and Human Resource professionals with a forum to discuss and analyze current workplace issues with experts who are in the field.

This year's lecture series is being sponsored by private contributions by organizations and individuals, including the Grumman Corporation, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island Personnel Society and the Three Village Chamber of Commerce.

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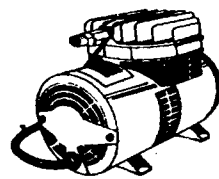
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# Crime prevention students graduate

By Darren B. Davis  
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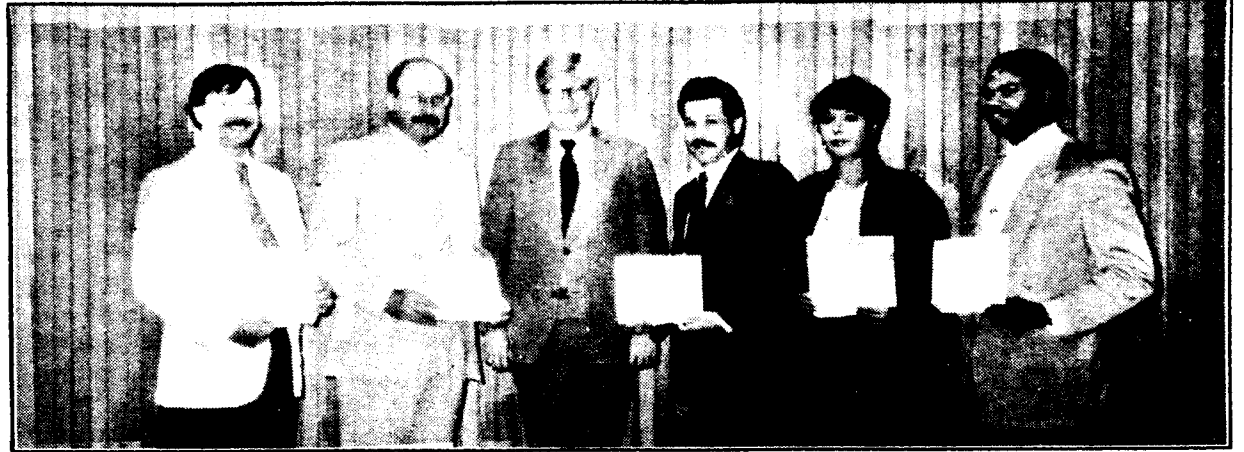
The seventh annual Advanced Crime Prevention school held its graduation ceremony last Friday after completion of its week long crime prevention and awareness course.

The school, sponsored by the FBI and NY Transit Police Department, was hosted by the Long Island Crime Prevention Association at the State University at Stony Brook. Offered to law enforcement officials throughout the country, the course drew response from officers as far as New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington and Toronto, Canada.

According to Detective Bernard M. Jacob CCP, coordinator of crime prevention and asset protection for the NYC transit police department, "This course provided 40 hours of advanced crime prevention training and an opportunity for networking, sharing and discussion of current problems and more importantly, the solution to these problems."

Topics presented in the course included; the use and application of closed circuit television, access control, campus security issues and adolescent suicide prevention programs. Also, media relations training, computer security and target hardening (the lowering of a person or assets crime targetability), were discussed.

Training for the course was provided by a range of



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(L to R): Officer Thomas Clark; Lt. Neil Sluiter, training officer; Suffolk County Chief Inspector Joseph Monteith; Community Relations spokesman Doug Little; Officer Donna M. Capps; Officer Patrick Freeman.

faculty, from four star police department chiefs to active police officers to highly skilled technicians and retired law enforcement professionals.

Representatives from Stony Brook included Lieutenant Doug Little, spokesman for Community Relations, Lieutenant Neil Sluiter, training officer for Public Safety,

several Department of Public Safety officers, and Herb Petty, assistant director of the department of parking and transportation services. Little will be heading the newly re-vamped community relations program on campus. "We are going actively into the community to promote what we have learned," said Little.

# Forum addresses campus gun issue

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instead of wasting time by calling in Suffolk County police. Under General Order no. 5, according to Assistant Director of Public Safety Jim Lang, a Public Safety officer can not intervene in an any attack involving a weapon. "If a girl is being raped and is holding a knife, Public Safety can't help her," said Cotten. "They have to call Suffolk Police and that takes 20 minutes, by then the rape is done."

Lang said rapid response time after calling Suffolk County police in event of an incident involving a weapon is

15-20 minutes. "We [Public Safety] are not allowing it [crime] to go on, we have no choice."

"As long as campus police are not permitted to carry arms no. 5 is needed," said Professor Alfred Goldhaber, who sits on the committee for arming Public Safety. "It's not fair to allow officers to be put into dangerous situations unarmed."

Polity President Dan Slepian said there are a lot of questions that the committee for arming Public Safety should take into consideration before any decisions are made: How many crimes related problems called for the

need to arm Public Safety? How many incidents involved weapons? Is this campus prepared to deal with someone being shot by a Public Safety officer? What is the perception that the community will have for safety on campus? "I think the whole thing is being done backwards," said Slepian. "The committee needs to get together and make some intelligent decisions."

"I feel peace officers should stay peace officers," said GSO President John Nolan, who said the decision should be made by a vote from the students rather than from a committee. "We ought not have weapons on this campus."



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The planning committee for the 1991 Student/Faculty/Staff Retreat is accepting applications from students of the University Community who would like to be considered to participate in this year's event.

In its seventh year, the retreat brings together a diverse mix of 50 Stony Brook students, faculty, staff, and administrators who focus their attention in discussion of a "working theme" over a two day period. The theme for this year's retreat is *Roles and Expectations at a Multicultural University*.

The planning committee welcomes applications from students who would like to become more active in areas of campus life and work toward fostering a pluralistic, diverse and globally aware education. As the application process is competitive, please make sure that you answer all questions fully and that the completed application is returned by Friday, October 4. Applications should be obtained and submitted to SFS retreat Co-chair, Union room 266. If you have any questions regarding the application or the retreat, please call 2-6826 and ask for Millie.

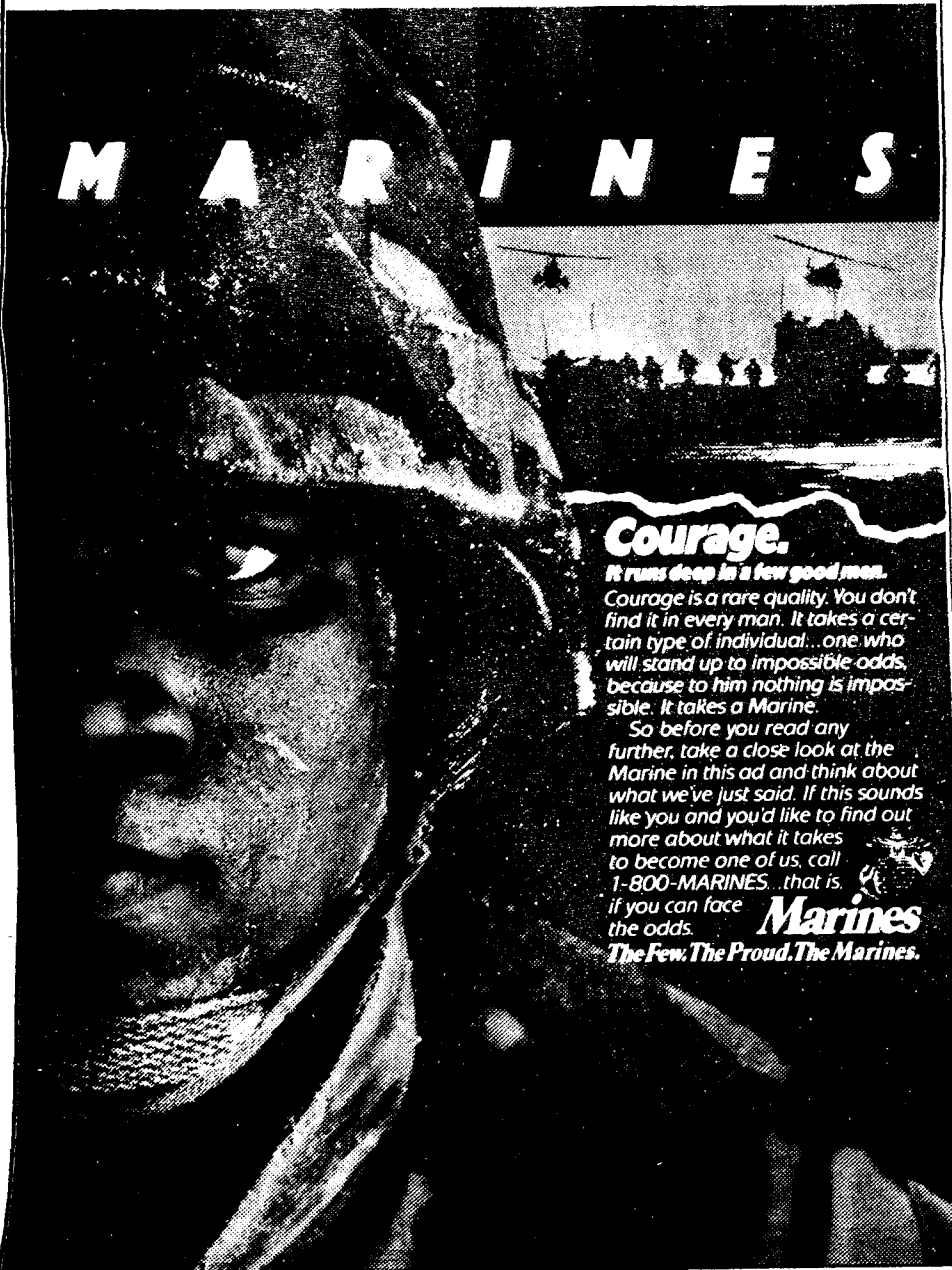
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# 'Hemp Tour' passes through SUNY campuses

NEW PALTZ — "Hemp Tour Fall 1991" rolled through the College at New Paltz and Dutchess Community College on Tuesday and Wednesday, with guest speakers, live music and a strong message.

"Re-legalize hemp," were the cries echoing from an old amplifier upstairs from the Student Union building on the SUNY New Paltz campus. The Cannabis Action Network (CAN) handed out free literature and spoke one-to-one with students about many misconceptions of the hemp, or marijuana plant, and the many ways it can benefit the environment.

For example, hemp plants replace depleted nutrients from the earth and at the same time can produce the same amount of paper in one acre that would be produced in 40 acres of forest.

CAN is a not-for-profit group that tours the country encouraging people to get involved in the crusade to legalize marijuana. The organization, which is based out of Lexington, KY, funds its nationwide tours by selling t-shirts and buttons at rallies.

"The money goes directly back into the organization," said Kevin Aplin, a spokesman for the group, paying for transportation, food, lodging and clothing.

He also said CAN gives a percentage of what it makes on an individual campus back to whoever sponsors the rally, which in this case was the local chapter of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), a national student network.

The hemp tour was also at Dutchess Community College yesterday and will be moving on to a frenzied tour of almost 50 east coast cities before taking the tour west.

Dutchess was the first campus where the student government officially endorsed the hemp rally, according to the US Student Association (USSA).

While visiting the campuses, CAN showed the film "Hemp for Victory," produced during World War II to encourage farmers to grow cannabis as cash crop.

## Oswego voter drive aims to impact in local elections

OSWEGO — Dan Taft, student association president at SUNY Oswego, has initiated a student voter registration drive on his campus aimed at giving students an impact in local elections.

With the local mayoral race underway, Taft feels it's imperative for students' voices to be heard, so he formed coalition consisting of several SA groups along with SASU, the local New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) chapter and several members of the Greek

Association to register students to vote in local elections.

"Students have a vested interest in this election," said Taft. "This year we're going to flex our muscles."

According to Taft, the coalition has already registered 1,200 students, and expects to register as many more in the weeks leading to the election. Taft hopes that his efforts will set the tone for other campuses, and encourage students to get involved in local government in their campus communities.

## 6,000 Nassau CC students face academic expulsion

NASSAU — Over 6,000 students at Nassau Community College face dismissal today for not having their Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

According to sources at NCC, the expulsions are in coordination with the New York State Public Health Law #2165, which was passed in July of 1989, and went into effect Aug. 1 of that year. The law requires all students born on or after January 1, 1957 and taking six or more credits to have their MMR vaccine by today or face instant withdrawal from

the institution.

According to the NCC Immunization Handbook, the affected students will not be eligible for any refund of tuition or fees. NCC Dean of Students Jim Richards stressed that all of the endangered students have been contacted repeatedly through classroom announcements, posters around campus and letters to their homes. Richards said if dis-enrolled students fulfill the requirements of the state law within a "reasonable amount of time," they will be allowed to re-enroll.

## USS meets; no results; LaMarre's opposition ousted

NEW YORK CITY — The University Student Senate (USS), the City University of New York (CUNY)'s system-wide student government, met for the first time since February last Sunday, and failed to establish guidelines necessary for next month's election of a new USS chair.

The current chair, Jean LaMarre, has recently been implicated by *Student Leader* and the *Daily News*, and the other newspapers, in the scandalous spending of student funds, such as \$13,000 for limousines equipped with cellular phones, and \$24,000 in room service for one weekend at the Albany Hilton hotel. The lack of election guidelines al-

low LaMarre to remain in office beyond his one-year October-to-October term until election procedures are set.

LaMarre, in addition to effectively having sole signatory powers over USS accounts, also schedules when USS meetings occur.

USS vice-chairs Rafael Alvarez, who leaked the story to the media, and Robert Lizardo, are LaMarre's two most vocal opponents, and were removed from their positions by David Pecceraro, USS parliamentarian.

Pecceraro cited a little-known by-law stating that they could not continue to hold USS office without having an office on their own campus.

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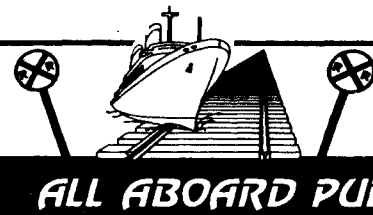
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## Editorial

# Parking Fees Are Wrong

Why do Stony Brook students and staff always seem to be paying for something?

This time, not only is the university proposing an increase in the parking fee for all students from the Health Science Center and hospital personnel, but it is taking away existing spaces from students, staff and faculty.

A new lot near the HSC, a 1,000-space garage, was constructed for an ambulatory care pavilion that is not yet built. It replaces a 1,000-space free gravel lot outside the HSC.

Doesn't it seem strange that students and personnel are suddenly bombarded with the cost of an increase in parking fee and are getting nothing extra in return?

Will we ever see this ambulatory care pavilion, or is the university using us to cover the costs of the project?

Undoubtedly, there was poor administrative planning for the new

garage. Although it is understood that the free gravel lot was intended as a temporary lot because of its environmental threat, making students and staff foot the bill for a new garage is wrong — especially now, when students face huge cost increases and staff members must constantly worry about the stability of their jobs.

The university should understand that a limit must be set on campus costs. Although the SUNY construction budget is not affected by budget cuts, building new facilities adds new burdens on the campus community.

Staff members are right to be upset over the parking issue. Added fees will decrease the incentive of working for the SUNY system and drive people to search elsewhere — perhaps even the city — for work. This will ultimately affect the university and the community as campus jobs become less desirable.

To students, it's just another

fee not covered by financial aid programs. Those students who need to live at home and commute to campus because of the astronomical campus rent have a choice: pay for parking, or get free parking in South P-lot and pay for shuttle service to the HSC and the main campus.

Some choice.

The next step, if this precedent is set, will be to begin charging campus residents for parking. This will alienate the residents and unfairly target one group of students, many of whom only have a car so that they can work their way through college.

Let's stop the construction of needless facilities during a time of financial crisis. Before we expand our campus, let's concentrate on what we already have. The damage of this facility's construction is already done. But the administration must find an alternative source of income to fund its new facilities.





# Upgrade Writing Requirement

By Dennis Clarke

RECENTLY, A STUDENT WAS REFERRED to the Writing Center by the Center for Academic Advising. It seems that the student was enrolled in a social and behavioral science course which required several essay exams. After the first exam, the instructor called the student into his office and told him that his writing on the exam was not at a level high enough for him to pass the course. The student's grammar, mechanics and usage were so weak that they obscured the meaning of his sentences and the instructor could not understand what the student was saying. The instructor advised the student to drop the course, and the student agreed that that seemed the best idea. Because it was past the add/drop deadline, it was necessary for the student to petition the university for permission to drop. Unfortunately, when he submitted the petition, the committee that decides on such matters could not understand what the student was asking permission for because, again, the writing was at a very low level. Finally the student was referred to the Writing Center for help in revising the petition. In the course of these various maneuvers the student was asked by someone why he hadn't taken EGC 101. He replied that he had taken it, and that in fact he'd received a 'B'. Jaws dropped, eyes widened and the question was asked, "Just what the heck goes on in that class if this student can make a 'B'?"

The answer is that a lot goes on in it, and if students are willing to work hard and go through multiple revisions on their papers and seek feedback in the Writing Center and from their peers, then they might well receive a B in the course and still not be able to make themselves understood very well on a two-hour essay exam where they don't have the leisure to revise what they've written. In a university where the majority of students are required to take only one semester of writing, many examples similar to the above (if not as extreme) are likely to occur. And even for second language students who may be asked to take two semesters of writing, the extra semester is inad-

Dennis Clarke is the director of the Writing Center.

equate for someone who has lived in this country for less than a year.

When I first came to Stony Brook in 1979, there was in place a Proficiency Exam in English rather than the Placement Exam that now exists. Whereas today students are required to take at least one semester of a writing course, the level being dictated by their score on the Placement Exam, in 1979 it was possible for a student to graduate from Stony Brook without having taken any

There are still students who don't take certain courses they'd otherwise like to take because they're afraid they can't write well enough to pass an essay exam.

writing course. In those days incoming freshmen took the Proficiency Exam in the summer prior to their first semester here. The exam was graded on a pass/fail basis. If a student failed the exam, s/he was required to take EGC 101 (the basic freshman composition course) and pass it and then re-take the exam. If on the other hand a student passed the exam in the summer before entering Stony Brook, then s/he was deemed proficient in writing and was not required to take any writing course whatsoever. Approximately 50 percent of the incoming freshmen each year passed the exam in the summer before their freshman year, and therefore fifty percent of each class could theoretically go through four years at Stony Brook and graduate without ever having taken a writing course or with out ever having once come in contact with the English Department.

For over six years now the Placement Examination has been in effect. Every student who has not satisfied the Writing Requirement by having taken an equivalent course while matriculating at another college or university must take at least one writing course here, and it is possible that a student be required to take up to four semesters of writing, depending on the placement score. The situation

from our perspective at the Writing Program is improved from what it was eleven years ago, in terms of the university's increased recognition of the value of good writing. But we still don't feel that writing requirement is stringent enough. The student whose story I told above might agree.

The Writing Program is currently working on a plan to revise the lower level writing requirement and make our freshman composition class a two-semester course, with the possibility of 300-level classes being used as the second half of the requirement. We are also looking into ways to make the second semester class an interdisciplinary one in which the Writing Programs would work with faculty and graduate students from other departments to create classes that would incorporate writing from and in other disciplines into a composition class format. These classes would also perhaps be team-taught by members of Writing Programs and faculty and graduate students from other departments.

These plans are only in the formative stage, and there are many logistical headaches to be ironed out before they can be presented to the university committees that have jurisdiction over academic matters. But at least ideas are being tossed back and forth. We at the Writing Program are well aware that writing is something that needs to be given more emphasis here at Stony Brook, and we also believe that it is important to include other departments in the formation and implementation of programs that will accomplish this. Students will take writing more seriously if they see that it is not only the English Department that considers writing important. Stony Brook has made progress in its writing program in the past 11 years, but there are still students who don't take certain courses they'd otherwise like to take because they're afraid they can't write well enough to pass an essay exam or a term paper, and there are still faculty who don't assign writing in their classes because they don't think students write well enough. If we can help these students gain more confidence in their writing and encourage faculty to assign more writing, then we should do so.

# Schloimy Goes to the Post Office

By Louis Simpson

THE NEW ISSUE of *Midtown* arrives. I open it to the table of contents and there's my poem. But what's this? Schloimy has a poem in the same issue, right up front. His writing manages to be at once obscene and boring, and in person he's detestable. He peers at you through thick glasses with an arrogant expression. He made a reputation when he was young for iconoclasm: he insulted older writers. Now he's an icon himself and a pillar of the Establishment. He wears a tie and goes to receptions "hosted" by rich people. It's evident that all Schloimy wanted from the start was to change places with people he was insulting: to sit on the committees that award prizes; to have his picture on the society page of the *Times* with other patrons of the arts who are talking to a Russian poet. And here's my name, separated from his, my thoughts separated from his, by

only a few pages of printed matter.

"I'm never going to send *Midtown* anything again," I tell my wife. "They have no standards at all. There's a poem by Schloimy on page eight."

She says, "Schloimy goes to the post office. Does that mean you'll never go?"

Where else does Schloimy go? To the supermarket and to a store to buy clothes. He goes to a dentist, to the movies. In July he goes to the beach. He has been to London, Paris, and Rome. Two years ago he traveled in Russia, and now says the note in *Midtown*, he is planning a trip to China. Everywhere you think of going, Schloimy has been. Does this mean you're never to go anywhere?

And it's not just where he goes but what he does. He gets up in the morning and puts on pants and a shirt. He has breakfast... then, I suppose, he works. Between twelve and two he has lunch. Maybe a little snooze. In the afternoon he goes for a walk. He eats dinner, watches TV, sleeps. For all you know, though it's unlikely, he may have a girl friend or even be married. It's just barely possible. Does this mean you are never to have sexual relations?

My wife's question has given me a way of solving troublesome questions, matters of conscience. There are Schloimys all over the world doing the things I do or think of doing. Schloimy eats and drinks. Should I therefore starve

or die of thirst? Schloimy breathes... should I give up breathing? It is clear that if I want to live I must live in the same world as Schloimy.

In the life after death, assuming there is one, who's that walking in front of me? Talking to St. Peter at the gate? You guessed it... who but Schloimy. He's being admitted—St. Peter, it seems, is no wiser than the members of the academies and institutes of this world to which Schloimy belonged. There he goes, with his bald head and stoop, to pay his respects and take a seat among the members. Schloimy as an angel in heaven...

Does this mean I must retrace my steps and go in the other direction?



Louis Simpson, a Pulitzer Prize winning poet, is a professor of English at Stony Brook.

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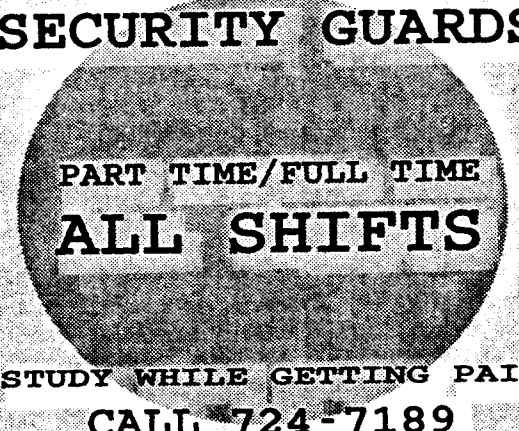
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# Ladies rank number one

By Michele Abbatiello  
Statesman Sports Writer

The Lady Patriots volleyball team continues to roll as Teri Tiso's women remain undefeated and are number one in the New York State coaches' poll.

Last week, the Lady Pats travelled to New Jersey and defeated Kean College 15-7, 11-15, 15-5 and 15-9. Tiso's "Red Hot Player of the Game" was sophomore Sara Helmer, who recorded 16 kills.

"Sara has really improved in the middle-blocking and attacking." Setter Denise Rehor had 37 assists while Helmer and freshman Janna Kuhner each had three blocks.

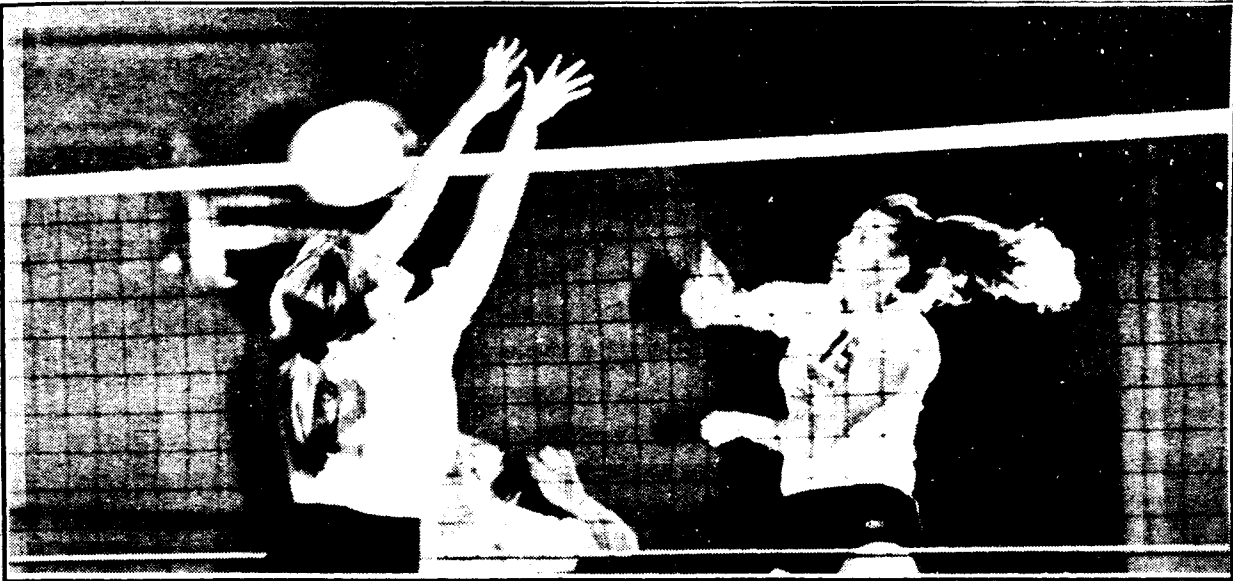
On Saturday, the Lady Patriots defeated Manhattanville 15-1, 15-3 and 15-

4. There were fine performances from freshman Robin Meister, sophomore Kelly Grodotzke and Tiso's "Red Hot Player of the Game" freshman Eileen O'Hara. O'Hara in the win recorded 10 straight service points.

Tiso was also impressed with Grodotzke's efforts this week. "She had two good games this week," said Tiso. "Kelly has served and passed well. She basically comes in to play defense but she must be ready to play any position, which is a tough job to do."

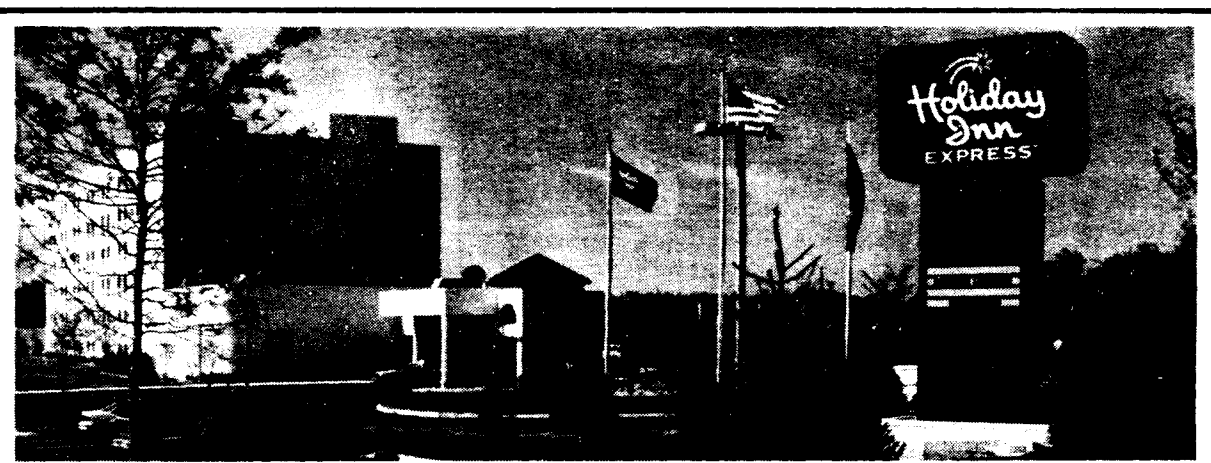
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**Sayonara to Buddy and Frank** — The New York Mets, set to close off their most unsuccessful season of recent history, have begun their transition stage by announcing two major changes last week.

First, the organization disclosed that Al Harazin will replace Frank Cashen as the general manager. And second, Mike Cabbage has been named interim head coach, replacing Buddy Harrelson.

The Mets will spend most of the summer pooling candidates for the permanent managerial position.

**Not Staying "Pat"** — The New York Islanders are still in limbo with the Pat LaFontaine situation. LaFontaine refuses to report to camp until team owner John O. Pickett sell the Isles to a new management.

**Recreating the Good, Old Days** — To commemorate the National Hockey League's 75th anniversary, the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins will don their old, original jerseys for the season-opener tonight at the Boston Garden. The Rangers have also announced that the team will take a train to Boston for the game — instead of the customary chartered plane — capturing some hockey nostalgia.

—Sandra B. Carreon

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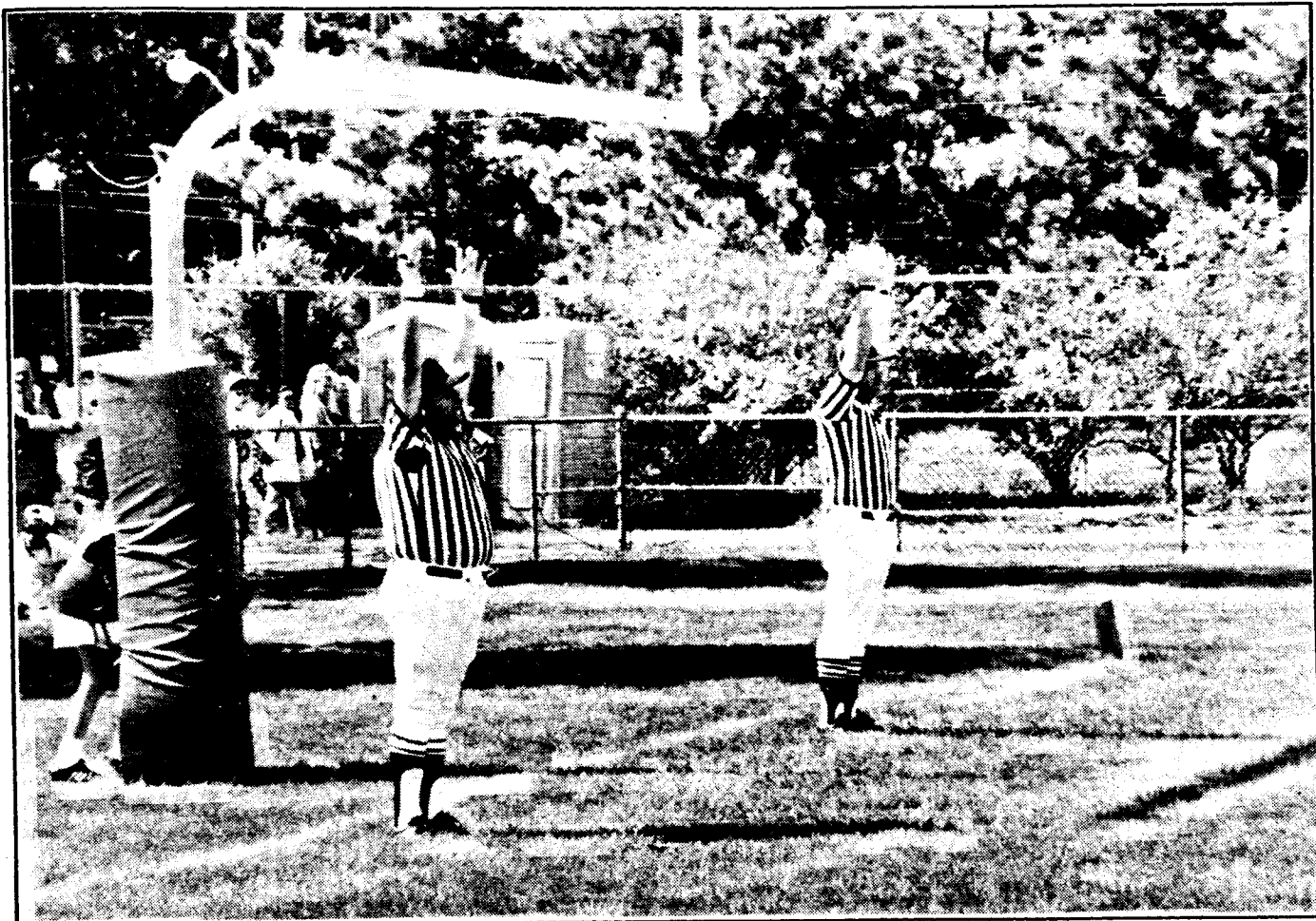
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*"The best thing about playing at Stony Brook is your teammates. Everybody's like a family."*  
— Pats Tight End Kevin Walsh

# Family atmosphere fosters wins

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

Joe McVeigh, several days removed from a hit that impeded his year sighed, "There is no 'I' in team."

For most of this young season, the 2-1 Patriots football squad has lived by this credo. It is an unselfish belief that stresses teammanship and camaraderie and selflessness and all the other ingredients of which all good football teams are made. With the proper ingredients, a team has a palpable chance of succeeding, finishing above .500 and in the case of the Pats, maybe even winning the Liberty Conference.

Junior quarterback McVeigh, sophomore tight end Kevin Walsh, sophomore center Bill Justesen, senior wide receiver Dave Lampasone, sophomore full back Ken Zach and junior defensive tackle Brian Borawski are among some who believe the Pats can contend for the conference title.

In its final year at the Liberty, the band of six are confident about the team's future. The overall youth, coupled with the desire to win continue to point the program to a

healthy direction. McVeigh, Walsh, Justesen, Lampasone, Zach and Borowski credit the team's improvement to an increased feeling of dedication and a commitment to the concept of family.

"The best thing about playing at Stony Brook is your teammates," said Walsh. "Everybody's like a family."

With the family-like atmosphere, the Pats have enjoyed a modest win streak that includes a victory over St. John's last week. It was the first time in six meetings that the Pats were able to defeat the rival Redmen. Previously, the Redmen had a combined edge on them scoreboard-wise, 155-48, dating back to 1986.

The football team is in its eighth year at the Division III level, making the ascent from a mere club team. The seven years have marked an overall 28-37-1 for Head Coach Sam Kornhauser, with an indication for growth.

With a promising team outlook, the fans are gradually beginning to take notice. The St. John's game last Saturday hosted over 1,000 spectators; and the players appreciate the support.

They hope to sustain the momentum this weekend when they travel to Iona College to square off against the Gales. Some Patriots members predict a good game, with a favorable outcome, despite the shoulder injury to McVeigh. The players say that they will make more of a concerted effort to assuage the load on quarterback Joe Moran, who filled in capably for McVeigh in the second half of the Redmen contest. "Everybody will rise to the occasion," said Justesen. "The offen-

sive line will pick it up... We're all going to support Moran."

The Pats trail the season series against Iona, 2-1 And are off last year's 28-10 defeat. The team however, hopes to consolidate the recent defensive successes with the recent offensive steadiness to thwart any Iona threats. "I had no doubts we'd beat St. John's," said Lampasone. "And I think we'll beat Iona."

The Patriots return home on Oct. 12 when they host the C.W. Post Pioneers.

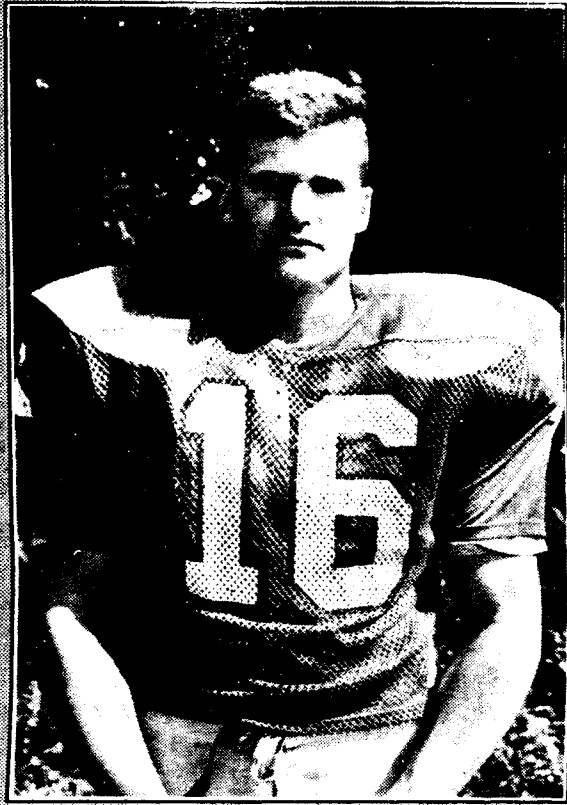
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# Schuster solidifies Pats' defense



Scott Schuster

By Tony McMullen  
Special to Statesman

Junior Scott Schuster of Coram led the football team to a 37-35 victory over St. John's and was named VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week for the week of September 23.

Schuster recorded nine tackles and intercepted three passes in the win, which improved the Patriots' record to 2-1 and puts them on top in the Liberty Football Conference standings. Schuster returned one of the interceptions for 41 yards, which set up the eventual winning touchdown.

Schuster, a second-year player for Head Coach Sam Kornhauser, transferred from Albany State after playing one season with the Great Danes. Scott has quickly earned a starting position as a defensive back for the Patriots. "Scott is a great athlete and provides consistency in our defensive secondary," said Kornhauser. "His tackling has greatly improved from last season."

The Patriots were ready for the Redmen's versatile offensive attack. Defensive Secondary Coach Jim Steigerwald called the Redmen "a big-play offensive team." "The coaching staff prepares us well for every game," noted Schuster. "Stopping [St. John's running back] Chris Russo on the ground and being ready for [St. John's quarterback] Scott Sharkey to go to the air a lot were two keys for our defense." Schuster and his defensive teammates met the challenge as they came up big, forcing four Redmen turnovers.

Schuster's defensive plays were a turning point in the game. With the game tied at 21 and St. John's driving just before halftime, Schuster made two key plays to stop the Redmen's momentum. "Running down the St. John's player on our five yard line and then two plays later making the interception in our end zone," were also two of Schuster's most vivid memories of the game. The Patriots capitalized on Schuster's interception and scored on their next possession.

However, Schuster is quick to point to the team's positive attitude for the Patriots' recent successes. "There is a total change in attitude from last year's team," said Schuster. "Everyone is a lot closer and there is a feeling of togetherness." This attitude change may have been rejuvenated by Stan Kellner, a local sports psychologist. Brought in by the coaching staff to teach mental preparation, Kellner uses mental imaging and positive reinforcement with the team. Schuster is a personal believer of Kellner's philosophy and uses these mental training sessions to "work on the weak areas of my game."

The next challenge for the Patriots will be Iona College this Saturday. "We take one game at a time," added Schuster. "Last week, St. John's was the biggest game of the season, but now this week's game against Iona is the biggest game of the season."

Scott Schuster will try to improve upon his Liberty Conference Defensive Player of the Week performance turned in last week as the Patriots look to stay atop the standings.

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# Caissie at the Lax, Hockey, Rugby Field

**P**LAYING A PICK-UP FOOTBALL game yesterday, a good friend of mine hauled in a one-handed interception during some practice throws. Now everyone is his own star in touch football, but this guy is legitimate.

Todd Caissie began playing sports at an early age and soon became more than capable of handling more than one at one time.

In high school, Caissie played hockey, lacrosse, rugby, football and badminton. "I only played one season of badminton though," he says.

Born in Fredericton, New Brunswick 22 years ago, the fifth-year senior has starred in lacrosse and hockey for the Patriots before playing in his first collegiate rugby game last Saturday. "I love rugby," he says. "Those guys are nuts. I had a great time." He scored a tri and assisted on another in the game.

Caissie has been on more teams, won more titles and awards and scored more points than any non-

professional I've known. (But then again, the only pros I do know are the Jets' Rob Moore, the Browns' Rob Burnett, and a handful of Redskins that lived across the street from me in Virginia.) He has played for, among others, the New Brunswick lacrosse team in the Canada Summer Games in 1985, the Moosehead Beer touch-football team that went to the Canadian nationals five straight years and the Plymouth State College hockey and lacrosse teams.



**RANTIN' AND REAVEN**  
**Eddie Reaven**

He was invited to the Charter Cup, a tournament for the top 80 Canadian hockey players under the age of 21, but did not attend. According to Caissie, that tournament produced Everett Sinipas, now with the Quebec Nordiques; Bob Beers, who plays for the Bruins; and Cam Russell, who is with the St. Louis Blues.

He was ranked the top wide receiver in high school in the province of New Brunswick the year the team went 9-0 and won the provincial championship. He was named most improved player and most sportsmanlike

at the Canada Games. He was also an all-star high school hockey player.

So, after all of those teams and awards, what does an athlete like Caissie want to do after graduation? "I want to go into marketing or advertising," he says. "Coaching is a possibility."

Caissie has a brother, Travis, who plays midfield for the Pats lacrosse team, and aspires to play hockey and rugby in the future. "He's a great athlete," Todd says of his brother. "He's strong and is a hardworker."

Of all the coaches the elder Caissie has ever played for, he says the best one is right here at Stony Brook. "John Espey is the best coach I've had," he says of his former lax coach. "He's a great motivator and is extremely knowledgeable about lacrosse."

After five or six sports, Caissie does not want to stop there. "I want to pick up another sport that you could be good at as an old guy," he says. "Maybe racquetball."

Ten years from now, don't be surprised if a Caissie wins the U.S. Nationals in racquetball. I won't.

# Patriots laxmen prepare for fall ball



Laxmen prepare for season during practice. Statesman/John O'Keefe

By Dave Fallace  
Statesman Sports Writer

This fall, the Patriots lacrosse team will participate in the first annual Quaker Lacrosse Classic on Oct. 27.

The team has one month to condition itself into game form before matching up against such lax powerhouses as John Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

In order to prepare for the upcoming season, as well as the spring term, Head Coach John Espey has intensified the running drills. "Conditioning is a big part of the game," said Espey. "We are trying to make it enjoyable this fall, but we want kids who want to be top-20. Practice is four days a week, which gives the team time to work, study or go home... When we ran a little more, some kids were in shock."

Espey noted that midfielder Kevin Dalland "came prepared and was ready to play and that midfielder Paul Leva "was a little more focused."

Espey said, "The kids were ready to go. They were excited about fall practice and very excited about the Penn tournament." Senior midfielder John Schafer said, "The tournament is a good opportunity to prove that we are a Division I team."

While some members of last season's team will be missed, Espey is looking for the new and returning players to compensate.

Transfer students, thus far, have shown that they can help fill some of the void. Chris Winslow, a midfield

*"We are trying to make it enjoyable this fall, but we want kids who want to be top-20."*  
— USB Coach John Espey

transfer from Farmingdale, has impressed Espey with his speed, strength and toughness. Other newcomers are looking to make "the goalie situation competitive," said Espey. Attackman Tony Cabrera will help ease the load on the attack corps, returning from an injury. Tim Kolm, another transfer will also help diminish the losses of Jeff Agostino and last year's leading scorer, Terence Vetter.

Assistant Coach Greg Cannella said, "I think that this fall is the best since I've been here. The players have a lot more experience. Now we are making it more challenging."

With a more challenging schedule, Espey hopes to bolster the Stony Brook lax program. "More and more people are looking at us seriously," said Espey. "We are gaining respect, but we still have a ways to go."

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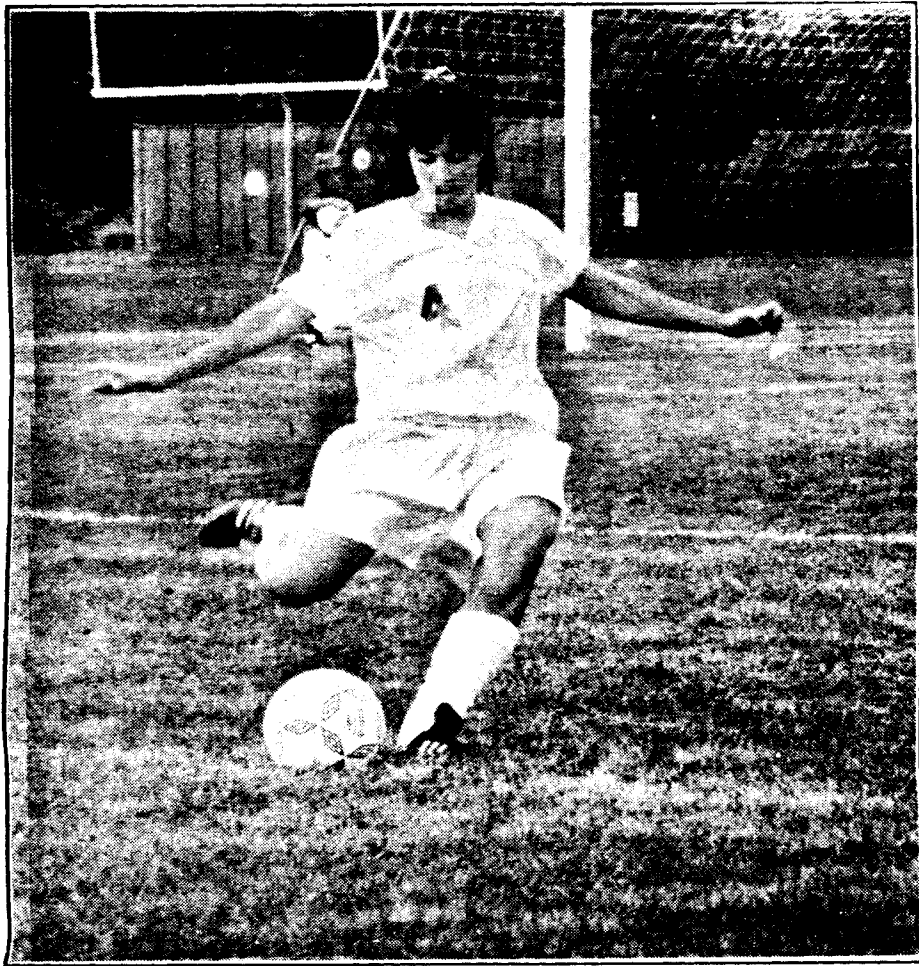
# Sports

**PATRIOT PLAYS**

**Men's Soccer hosts Steven's Tech: Saturday, Oct. 5, 3:30 pm.**

**Volleyball hosts USB Invitational: Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 am.**

**Cross Country at Union Invitational: Sat., Oct. 5 11 am.**



Heather Lavery prepares to kick ball upfield.

Statesman/John O'Keefe

## Ladies fall short

### Comeback attempt fails in 7th loss

By Dino Dominguez and Daniel Tavelinsky  
Statesman Sports Writers

The Lady Patriots soccer team put up a valiant but unavailing fight against American University Friday afternoon, losing 3-2, downing their overall season record to 1-7-1.

The Lady Patriots' defense played well the first half. However, the offense was unable to sustain any offensive pressure.

**Women's Soccer**

<b>Patriots:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>American:</b>	<b>3</b>

This soon led to two unanswered goals by Liz Pike of American University, who had a total of three in the game.

During intermission, Head Coach Sue Ryan attempted to redirect and reorganize the team's strategies. This proved beneficial because soon after, the Lady Pats scored two goals of their own. Freshman back Chris Amorin and freshman forward Kara Wrieth scored their tallies forcefully, to the thrill of the spectators.

The Pats, playing a strong game to this point had only to contend with time. De-

spite their efforts, the clock continued to work against them. "The girls were showing a lot of courage by coming back," said Ryan after the game. "They were really fighting hard, but we just ran out of time."

American University managed to tip the scales by scoring its third and victory-clinching goal. The Lady Pats, although disappointed with the defeat, were proud to have been able to mount a comeback.

"We were down," said Amorin after the game, describing her goal. "I saw an opening and took a shot."

Teammate Wrieth said, "We played a tough second half but we came up short. I felt we had to come back." In her attempt to get her team back into the game, Wrieth singlehandedly passed by three defenders before notching her impressive goal. Lana Peterson, who started the game in net said that the team is gradually improving. "The second half marked change," Peterson said. "We played stronger and with more confidence."

The team will look to maintain the progress when they return home Saturday afternoon to host Villanova at 1 pm in the soccer field.

## Patriots still looking for winning ways

By Alicia J. Spiegel  
Statesman Sports Writer

The Patriots men's soccer squad played two games this week, losing both at a combined score of 8-1.

The Pats squared off against Division II Southampton Saturday afternoon. The Pats collected 16 shots on goal to Southampton's 15. The Pats were down by two goals early in the game as they surrendered a penalty shot in the first half.

Jim Migadakis, who started in goal after playing backup early in the season did not expect the full-time responsibilities.

In the second half, the Pats became more aggressive, but were unable to finish their plays. Despite a pep talk by Head Coach Nick Sansom, the team was unable to capitalize on its opportunities. Southampton went on to score its third and final goal of the game, handing Stony Brook its fifth loss of the year.

Monday afternoon, the Pats faced Division I Hofstra. They trailed early when Hofstra scored two goals in the first 20 minutes of the contest.

**Men's Soccer**

<b>Patriots:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>S'hampton:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Patriots:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hofstra:</b>	<b>5</b>



Men's soccer team warms up for a game against Hofstra Sunday.

Statesman/John O'Keefe

The Pats had a good chance to get back into the match when sophomore midfielder Chris Grillo headed the ball towards the goal mouth and junior midfielder Andrew Snow shot the ball into a Hofstra defender's chest.

The second half showed an improvement for the Pats, as they were able to control the ball for most of the time. But on a counter attack, Hofstra exploited Stony Brook's

defense and scored three successive goals.

The Pats hit the scoreboard finally when Brett Buzzy succeeded on a penalty shot after the Hofstra goalie was penalized for pulling sophomore Pats midfielder Jason Musengo.

The 1-6 Pats will play their next match this Saturday, hosting Steven's Tech at 3:30 pm.

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