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Pressing the Issue

Article Sparks Motion in Polity Senate to Eliminate Paper's Funding

By Stephen L. Shapiro
 Statesman Associate News Editor

A Polity senator recommended last night to discontinue Polity funding for *The Stony Brook Press* in response to an article in its Oct. 14 issue.

The motion — which failed by a wide margin, receiving support from only two senators at last night's Polity Senate meeting — was the result of a senate discussion that began last Wednesday over *The Press'* explicit use of language in an article about the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance.

"The last issue of *The Press* reflected poorly on the Stony Brook community," said Vincent Bruzzese, who made the motion to discontinue *The Press'* funding. "I'm disgusted that student activity fees are supporting this paper which could be better served in other student activities."

Several senators during both meetings condemned the wording at the end of the article, which described how male cross-dressers hide their genitalia.

Bruzzese, as well as several other senators, said they were concerned about the image of the campus *The Press* portrayed to off-campus sources with the paper's use of explicit articles.

Robert Gilheany, the writer of the article, said the event was well advertised and that he felt he was obligated to report on it.

"My stories are an open conversation with the reader," said Gilheany. "I don't worry who I might be offending."

John Sealy, executive editor for *The Press* said, "*The Press* traditionally covers stories with a depth and insight which other campus media does not cover.

"Every member of the campus community is entitled the form of journalism that only [*The Press*] can offer."

Sealy argued that *The Press* is protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution,



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Press Executive Editor John Sealy, left, and Robert Gilheany, the writer of the controversial article.

which prohibits infringement of freedom of expression.

Polity President Dan Slepian said he was displeased that the motion was made. "I am personally frustrated about this motion," he said. "This senate spends much time dealing with important issues like tuition increases and implementing parking fees. We have spent two hours engaged in a cat and mouse fight, belaboring on a moot point."

Senator Cheryl Murphy said "*The Press* should have used scientific language, instead of words found in *Penthouse*."

Sealy responded, "*The Press* does not, as a general rule, use bad language. When it does, it is because the story is a sensitive matter."

Before the vote, which was opposed by 26 senators,

Slepian threatened that if the motion passed in the senate, he would use his veto powers to nullify the action.

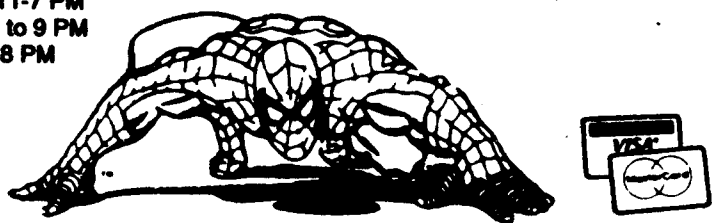
"It would be immature to cut a paper's funding because of two offensive paragraphs," said Christine Tracy, Polity junior representative. Tracy also said that such an action would set an unfortunate precedent at Stony Brook.

Bruzzese said this was not the first time recently that *The Press* has been under fire for its content. Last semester, *The Press'* cover portrayed a caricature of a naked man holding an American flag. *The Press* claimed it was a political cartoon that condemned the Persian Gulf war.

The Press currently receives about \$10,000 from the Polity line budget, which is approved by the Polity Senate annually.

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Three students arrested, charged with assault

By David Joachim
 Statesman Editor-in-Chief

Three students were arrested Friday after a confrontation in front of the Student Union left one student injured.

Naeem F. Mirza, 21, Quadir Khan, 26, and Warakh Dilawar, 26, were each charged with assault in the third degree for repeatedly hitting another student, said Doug Little, Public Safety spokesman.

The victim, who Public Safety refused to identify, suffered bruises to his face and required stitches in his lip, said Little, and was released from University Hospital with minor injuries.

Public Safety responded to a complaint by the alleged victim of the attack, but did not see the first fight

between the men. After officers separated the three suspects from the victim, however, a fight erupted again, said Little.

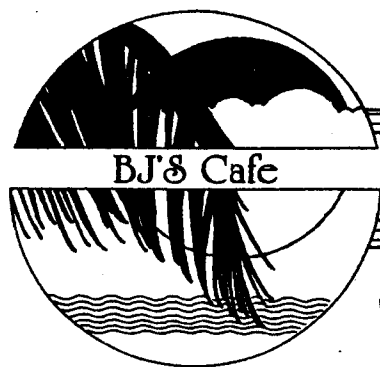
Little said Public Safety could not speculate about how the fight started.

Mirza, Khan and Dilawar were released by Public Safety with an order to appear in First District Court in Hauppauge at a date that has not yet been determined, said Little.

Public Safety also referred the case to the office of student affairs, which has jurisdiction over violations of student conduct code, one of which is assault.

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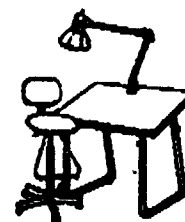
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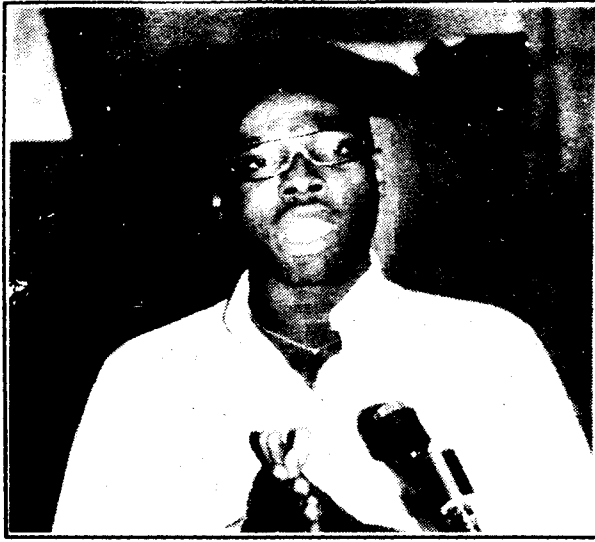
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Candidates debate for Polity positions

By Raymond Iryami
Statesman Editorial Page Editor

Opponents of Acting Polity Treasurer David Greene challenged him on his record in the organization and as chief financial officer of Polity at Tuesday's *Meet the Candidates* forum in the Student Union.

Both of Greene's challengers, Ary Rosenbaum and Richard Guillopo raised concern over the irregularities regarding last year's I-CON science convention, which is funded by Polity. Polity officials considered legal action be taken after alleged abuse of convention funds by last year's chairman. Polity President Dan Slepian said I-CON X management was guilty of "deceit" in handling funds including forgery of signatures on contracts.

"I-CON ripped off Polity," said

Rosenbaum, who ran for Polity secretary last spring. "Where was David Greene?"

Guillopo called for additional steps, including hiring of a private auditor, "to make sure everything is clean."

Greene responded, "Steps are being taken to ensure that such incidents do not happen again."

Another issue was the amount of funding allotted to each organization on campus. Guillopo said that organizations such as Asian Students Association and the Latin American Students Organization are not getting their fair share of funding.

Rosenbaum agreed with Guillopo that these groups' funding should be increased.

Greene said that the number of people an organization may represent is not used as a measure of funding. "It is not David

Greene's job to go to every club to determine how much money they need," said Greene. The Polity Senate discusses and ratifies Polity's budget before it is implemented, he said.

Freshman Representative

Six candidates for freshman representative discussed issues ranging from student participation to the parking fee.

A mandatory parking fee was rejected by candidates. "It's not fair to be paying for a parking fee since freshmen can't even have cars on campus," said candidate Crystal Plati.

Albert Wu, another candidate who also opposed the mandatory parking fee, raised the issue of the arming of Public Safety officers with guns. He expressed his con-

cern about the consequences of arming in a situation when a fight breaks out a party. "I can't imagine what would happen," said Wu.

Other candidates include Gillann Napoleon, who said that if elected, she would create advisory councils, so that freshmen could be involved in the various decisions made on campus. Napoleon said she believes it is time for a female freshman representative and that she will try to "bridge the gap" among the diverse campus.

The other candidates running for freshman representative are Jerika Giwner, Nicholas Palumbo, and Rahul Rametra.

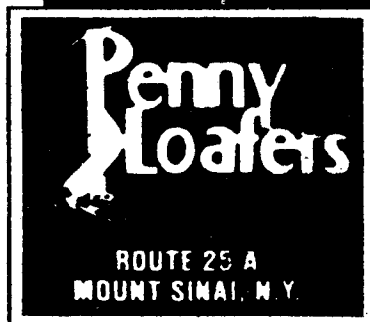
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MEMBERS OF THE Student Health Service and Faculty Student Association have chosen to reprint last semesters measles column to make students conscious of National Adult Immunization Awareness Week, beginning on Monday. Students lacking shots will not be able to register for the spring semester.

Health officials of the United States and Europe are expressing alarm about continued outbreaks of measles, a vaccine-preventable disease.

The American College Health Association and the Center for Disease Control are especially concerned about outbreaks in several major colleges throughout the country. In recent years Boston University, for example, reported 82 cases and similar reports have come from Villanova University and Ohio State University. Principia College has 128 cases of measles out of a population of 700 students. Three of those cases resulted in death. There is presently a measles epidemic in Philadelphia which has killed 8 children so far. Our own SUNY at Stony Brook experienced one case during winter recess and one during spring break. There were also cases reported at University Hospital and in Mastic, L.I. this spring.

According to the American College Health Association, of the 27,672 measles cases reported in the US

This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and Faculty Student Association. Judi Nolan is a registered nurse in the SHS.

THE LIFE COLUMN

Judi Nolan, R.N.

in 1990, 6,207 or 22.5 percent occurred in persons 20 years of age and older. It has also been reported that there were 3,000 measles cases in New York City, 130 cases in Suffolk County and 180 deaths of children and young adults resulting from measles.

The concern about measles is not only that it is a dangerous disease, particularly among adults and infants, but that it can be prevented by proper immunization.

What is Measles? Measles is a highly contagious viral disease. It is also known as rubeola. The first symptoms are a runny nose, cough and slight fever. The eyes become red and watery and may be sensitive to light. The fever continues to rise and may reach 103-105 (F). A raised red rash appears, usually beginning on the face and spreading over the entire body. Koplik spots (little white spots) may also appear on the gums and inside the cheeks.

Measles are often complicated by pneumonia, middle ear infections, encephalitis, convulsions and sometimes even death.

Time Schedule:

1. Symptoms usually appear in 10-12 days but may occur as early as eight days and as late as 13 days after exposure.

2. An individual is able to transmit measles from five days prior to and five days after onset of rash.

Who is susceptible? Those who never had the disease or have never been vaccinated are susceptible. 90 percent of those born before 1/1/57 have probably had the disease from natural exposure as children. The following are possibly susceptible: All those born after 1/1/57 who have:

a) no record of immunization

b) immunization prior to 1st birthday and prior to 1968. (Mumps & rubella prior to 1/1/69)

c) record of immunization with dead virus.

People who should not take vaccine:

a) anyone with current or ongoing serious disease (leukemia, cancer, untreated TB)

b) anyone with severe allergy to eggs or antibiotic called neomycin which requires medical attention.

c) anyone with disease that lowers the body's resistance (i.e. mononucleosis).

d) anyone on steroids (i.e. prednisone, cortisone)

e) anyone who is pregnant

f) anyone who has received gamma globulin within the preceding 3 months.

In an attempt to curb or eliminate epidemics from college campuses Public Health Law 2165 mandates that all students who wish to register for classes show proof of:

a) 2 measles vaccines after Jan. 1968 or documented proof of having had the disease or a blood test showing immunity.

b) 1 mumps vaccine after Jan. 1969 or proof of disease or blood test showing immunity.

c) 1 rubella vaccine after Jan. 1969 or blood test showing immunity.

All vaccines must have been given on or after the above dates and after the first birthday. Dates prior to the first birthday are unacceptable.

All students who were registered for the fall semester as incompletes were not deregistered but will be denied any further grace period. Any student wishing to pre-register for the spring semester must be in full compliance with PHL 2165 or they will be unable to register.

Treasurer, freshman rep, judiciary candidates debate

POLITY from preceding page

Twelve students are running for ten positions on the Polity Judiciary. They are: Nancy Belsen, Clyde Cook, Ben Guralnick, RJ Haggerty, Scott Joachim, Kenneth Miller, Michael Nicoletta, and Joy Picorni. Jennifer O'Brien, Mike Pilla and Dan Pollock are also running, but were not present

at the forum.

Joachim said that the judiciary should be more active and serve as more of a check on the Polity council. As a reporter for *Statesman*,

Joachim said he believes he can be objective. "I look at both sides of an issue without any biases," he said.

In his second year at Stony Brook,

Haggerty said he has the ability to analyze an issue objectively and "make sure that everyone gets a fair share" by the judiciary.

Miller, a junior majoring in political science, said he sees himself as impartial and as someone who explores issues and "gets to the root of them."

"My opinion doesn't matter," said

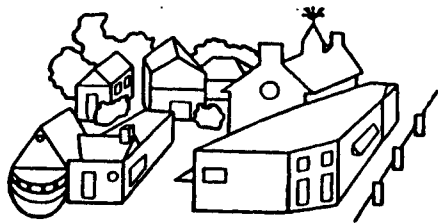
Cook. "A judiciary member upholds the word of the law."

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(Stephen L. Shapiro contributed to this story.)

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LaMarre scandal visits Albany

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader News Service

ALBANY -- An investigation by the Albany Student Association has led to the ousting of the president of the Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA), and confirmed links between ASUBA and the embattled University Student Senate (USS) of the City University.

Kahina Van Dyke, who was elected ASUBA president last spring, was declared to be holding office in violation of the organization's constitution yesterday because she did not have the necessary 2.5 grade point average at the time of the election. A recommendation by SA's Internal Affairs Committee, which conducted the probe, called for freezing the ASUBA budget until Van Dyke is out of office.

The recommendation was accepted by the Central Council of SA, its main governing body. Central Council has authority over ASUBA because ASUBA is a recognized club of the Student Association.

The SA investigation also confirmed that Van Dyke improperly authorized the spending of \$1,000 of ASUBA funds for a guest speaker at a lavish conference held this summer in Lake Placid. The event was co-sponsored by

both ASUBA and USS. The weekend long conference, which was attended by about seven CUNY student governments, ASUBA and USS, cost CUNY students more than \$26,000.

Van Dyke is a permanent fixture at USS, reportedly said she was a paid employee of the organization, and apparently plays a key role in the political machine of embattled USS Chair Jean LaMarre, who is under investigation for alleged abuses of more than \$400,000 of student funds.

Approved \$1,000 Expense

According to SA President Bill Weitz, Van Dyke entered into an agreement with promoter Don Heslop for a \$1,000 speaker for the conference without proper authorization from her club or from SA. The \$1,000 was to be ASUBA's share of the co-sponsorship.

But after the arrangements fell through and no speaker was provided by Heslop, Heslop demanded full payment from SA and then threatened a lawsuit if he was not paid. Weitz said he was left with the choice

of paying the \$1,000, or potentially facing a costly lawsuit.

"She didn't follow direct policy," Weitz said of Van Dyke's actions. "But we've always covered [SA club officers] if they were acting on behalf of the organization if they were acting in good faith. We issued the check."

But then, Weitz said, the question arose as to whether the bill had already been paid by USS, which SA has not yet been determined. When the question was raised, Central Council Chairperson Nicole Sharp ordered the check stopped, Weitz said.

It was at this point that Weitz called for an SA investigation into both ASUBA finances and whether Van Dyke was holding

office in accordance with the ASUBA constitution.

Involvement with USS

Stanley McBarnett, former ASUBA vice president who resigned in protest of Van Dyke's actions last month, said that Van Dyke was a paid employee of USS during the summer and "Seemed to be in some kind of an operations position" with the LaMarre organization. She had "a lot of decision making power with LaMarre," said McBarnett, who had first hand experiences with the couple

because he had to work closely with Van Dyke. He recently told the *Albany Student Press* that he questioned where her loyalties were stronger, with ASUBA or USS.

McBarnett said he opposed holding an ASUBA conference in cooperation with USS from the beginning, but became increasingly angered because of the lavish style in which the conference was being planned.

"I did not see the need for all this luxury . . . It was like nothing I had ever seen for any company or corporation," said McBarnett.

Fireplaces and Balconies

McBarnett said that while he was concerned with making the conference educationally worthwhile, Van Dyke was concerned about the accommodations.

"I was asking her [Van Dyke] about what kind of leadership training we were going to get, and she was focusing on 'these rooms have fireplaces and balconies'. I suggested that we cook our own meals and that was outside of what she could imagine."

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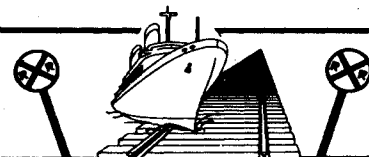
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Editorial

An Inch From Censorship

We at *Statesman* didn't think anyone on this campus could possibly believe he or she has the power to violate the United States Constitution — until last night.

A motion to cut all funding to *The Stony Brook Press* because of the content of an article written in last week's paper was made by a senator, but failed, last night at the Polity Senate meeting.

The incident was unfortunate. It sets a tragic precedent on a campus that is known for its tolerance of all ideologies.

The article in question was entitled *LGBA Week*. It included a detailed paragraph illustrating how men, who cross dress as women, go about hiding their genitalia. *Statesman* agrees that the wording of this paragraph could have been avoided, while still retaining its meaning. But we agree more strongly that the campus publications should be able to print anything they want in their pages.

Members of *The Press* claim that their issues containing the article were taken and thrown in the garbage — in other words, censored.

The First Amendment of the

United States Constitution guarantees us freedom of speech. So why was a Polity senator so bold to believe that a paper should fold simply because he did not find an article appropriate?

OK, journalists have to know where to draw the line between informing their readers and shocking them. Exploitation of our freedom of expression could result in the loss of our credibility. But that is the decision of the publication and no one else. Loss of credibility will undoubtedly lead to a drop in readership; a natural method of governing its content.

It is one thing to censor by discarding of issues. This is wrong but somewhat harmless because the issue can be reprinted, as it was by the *Press* staff. But it is another thing to cut all funding of a publication because people disapprove of its content. If the motion would have passed in the senate meeting it would have meant the end of an important part of our campus. This, without consent of students, who pay a mandatory fee to see *The Press* come out, not to mention a violation of the Constitution of the United

States. Didn't the senator think about the repercussions of this motion? Obviously not.

Students shouldn't think they have the power to terminate a publication because they don't like what's in its pages. A simple solution? Don't read it.

This time, *The Press'* funding was threatened because of "offensive" descriptions in an article. What next, a campus paper will criticize Polity, which is part of its responsibility in this system of checks and balances, and lose its funding? Where do we draw the line?

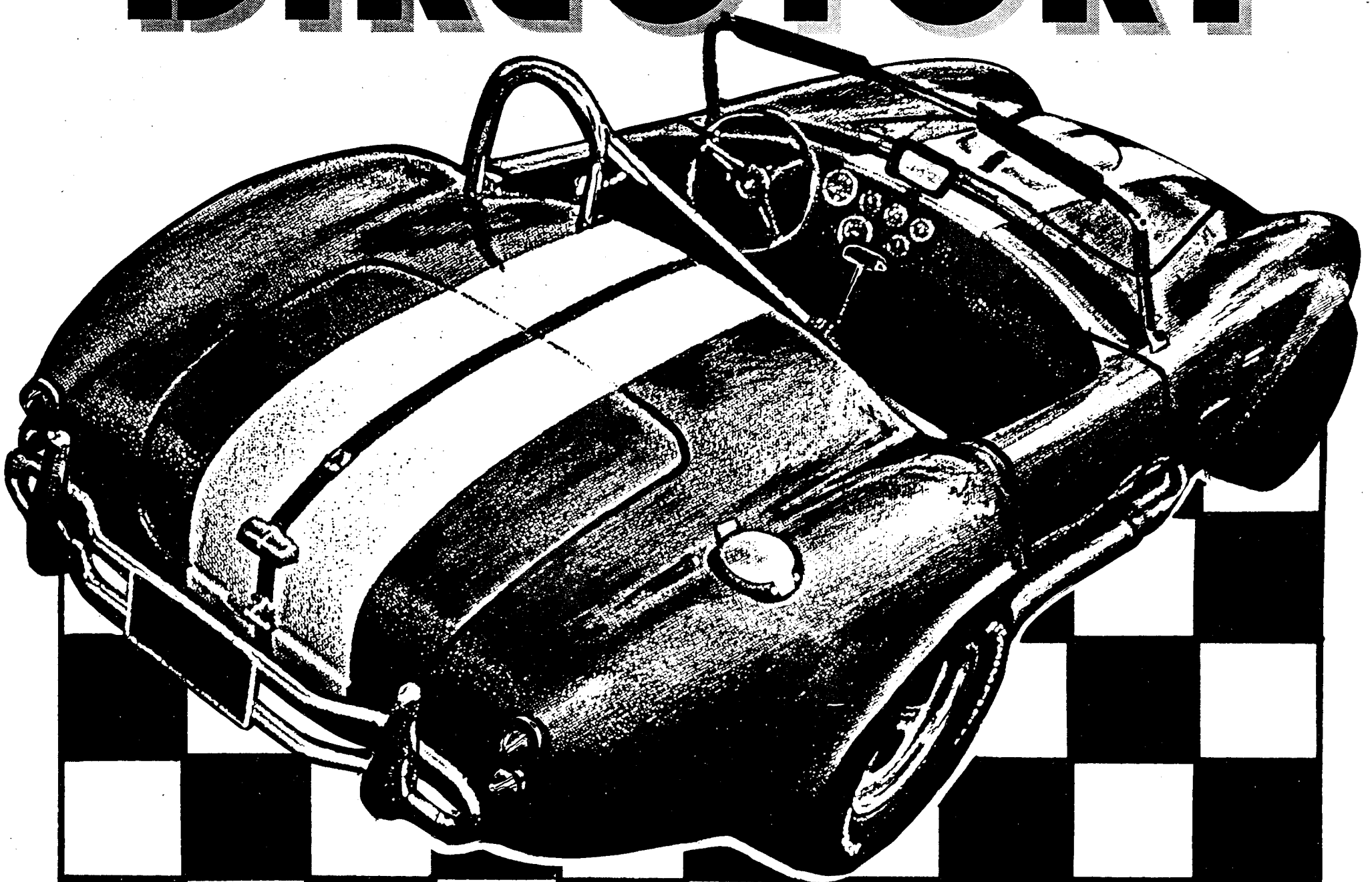
A newspaper's job is to communicate and inform its readers. The writer communicated this topic the way he felt right. That's his style and his unique way of exercising his freedom of expression. Not all publications would have chosen to do it that way. But *The Press* is not like all other publications. It may sometimes be shocking. It may be different. But the diversity of style and opinion in the paper represents the diversity of style on this campus. This quality must be preserved — without the pressure of adverse consequences.



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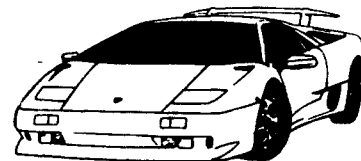
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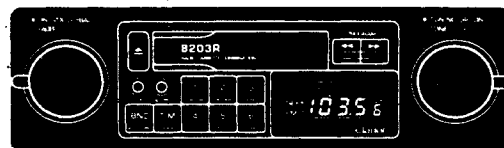
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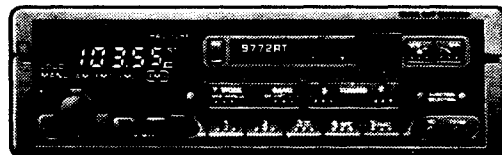
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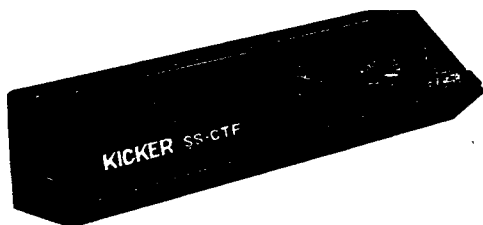


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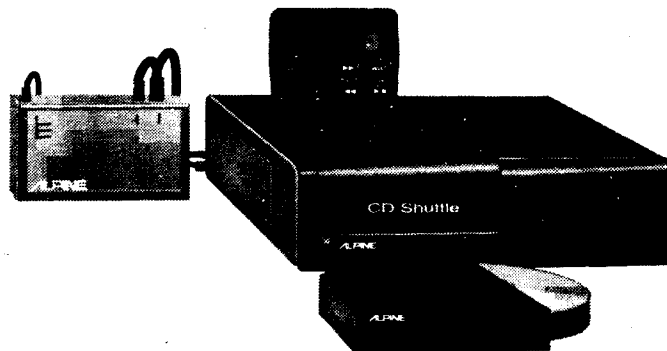
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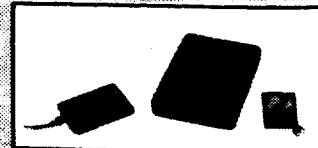
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Car man's post fender-bender tips

By Arthur Carman
Special to Statesman

CRASH! YOU'VE JUST had an accident. Now what do you do about getting your car repaired properly?

Because having an accident is not an everyday occurrence, many people don't know how to go about assuring that their vehicle is restored to its original state. However, making the right choices are important. For one, if your car is not repaired properly, it may be unsafe to drive in the future. Secondly, the resale value of your car can be reduced drastically.

The first thing to be aware of is that not all repair shops are the same. Like most businesses, there are good and bad. Therefore, an important first step is to find a good reliable repair shop.

"Many people just do what's convenient," said Elliot Levine, owner of Newbrook Insurance Agency in Port Jefferson Station. He said they will often pick a shop that's close to their home or leave their car with a shop that towed

it, just because it's easier. "Then when there is a problem, they realized they shouldn't have been so hasty," he said.

In the Town of Brookhaven, unless instructed otherwise, the police will summon a tow truck for a disabled vehicle. "The companies that operate these trucks may or may not be qualified to do the repairs," said John Hart, manager of a local body shop. "It's crazy, many people actually think they have to leave their car with a particular shop, just because that shop towed them," he said. Hart advises to thoroughly check out a shop if you are considering leaving your car there for repairs.

Some of the things to consider are:

- Is the shop licensed? If your vehicle is repaired by an unlicensed shop, you have little recourse.
- What type of equipment does the shop have? Many of today's hi-tech vehicles require special equipment in order to be repaired properly.
- Have the shop's employees been trained to repair and refinish today's hi-tech vehicles?
- Does the shop offer a guarantee? If so, what's covered and for how long?

• Ask to see one of their finished products — a picture is often worth a thousand words.

• Check with Consumer Affairs (853-4600) if the shop has had any complaints against it, they will tell you. However, most auto repairs complaints are handled by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

The best way to choose a repair shop is to simply ask around. "I always tell my insured to ask their friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. if they can recommend someone," said Levine. On the other hand, he warns to beware of unsolicited recommendations. "There's usually a ulterior motive," he said.

In the event your car is not repaired properly, you do have recourse, providing the repairer is licensed. You can contact the DMV and register a complaint (789-2360). The DMV recommends that all complaints be registered as soon as possible. If your complaint is valid they will assist you, but you will have to "get involved."

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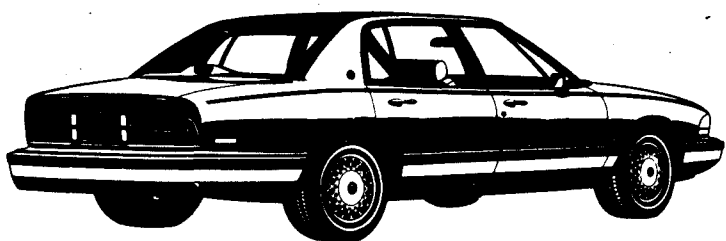
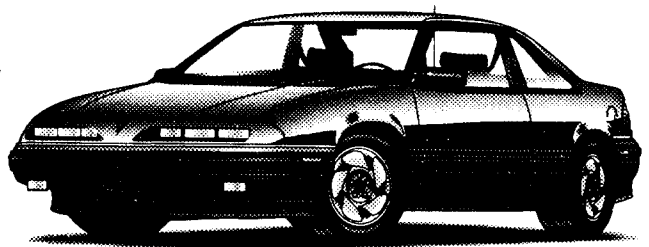
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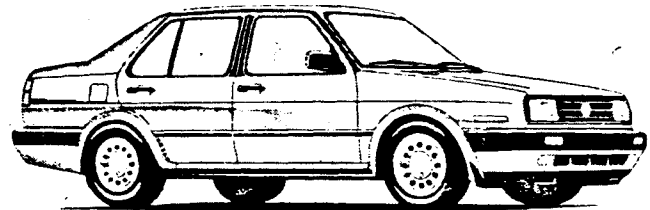


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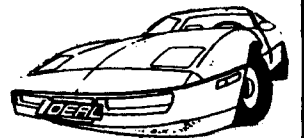
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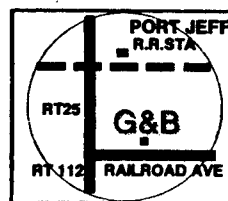
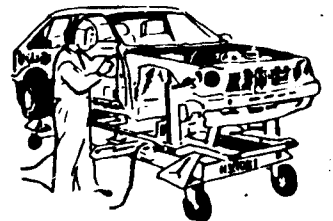


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By Evan Silverman
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Why your car, of course.

Most people, especially college students, seem very ignorant about their automobiles. They seem to have the idea that they don't need any care. On a long trip though, you definitely don't want to break down on some side road in the middle of nowhere. Here are some helpful hints that can help avoid many of the more common car problems encountered on a long trip.

Starting your examination from the ground up, you should first check your tires. Tire wear and dry rot are important things to look for. Balding tires can lead to control loss in inclement weather. Dry rot can lead to rapid tire weakening and blowouts. Most tires are rated for a

maximum inflation of 35 pounds per square inch (psi). Though any inflation ranging between 32 psi and 35 psi is acceptable. The lower the psi, the more comfortable the ride. Whereas, the higher the psi, the better the mileage and tire wear. Don't forget to check the pressure and condition of your spare as well. In the event of a blowout, a spare that will get you five miles further is virtually useless on the open stretch of interstate highways. Also, make sure that your jack is in working order. If you have wheel locks, be sure you know where the key is.

Next, check your brakes and front end alignment. Poor brakes can increase your chances of an accident and put you in danger. If your alignment is off, a journey of a couple of thousand miles can wipe out a set of tires. If it has been a long time since you last rotated your tires, it might be a good idea to do so. If your car pulls to either side, uneven tire wear may be the cause. This is a good indication to rotate the tires and have the car aligned.

All fluid levels should be checked next. The oil and oil filter should be changed regularly. About every 2,500 miles is a good rule to follow. This will help to reduce wear on the engine and keep the car in proper running order. Remember, gas isn't the only thing your car needs regularly. Also, check the anti-freeze level and quality of the anti-freeze in your engine. To do this, a hydrometer, which measures the freezing point of a liquid, is required. If the anti-freeze freezes too rapidly, it is no good. Also, it is a good idea to flush the radiator of anti-freeze and replace it

every two years. Be sure to check the hoses and belts for cracks and tears as well. If necessary, replace them and avoid the problems before they happen.

Next, make sure your battery is at full charge and the terminals are clean. Build-up on the terminals can reduce the charge flow and effectiveness of the battery. If you are going into colder climates, this can help to reduce starting problems.

It is also important to check things as simple as your lights and window conditions. You don't want to get pulled over for something as stupid as having a light out. Also, clean windows are a true blessing on extended journeys. Make sure that you have a full tank of windshield washer fluid. Road grit build up can reduce visibility drastically and a good supply of washer fluid can help.

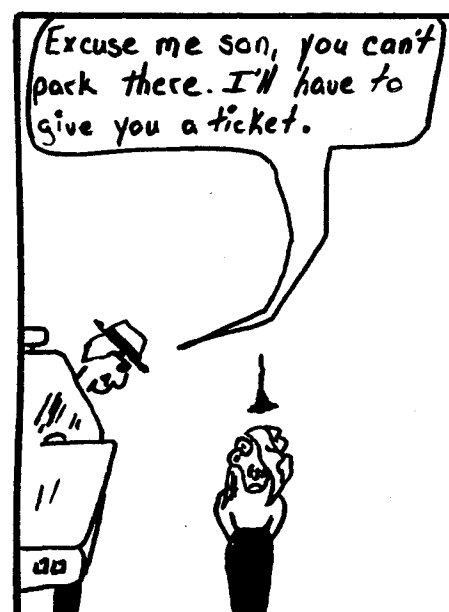
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Remember, a little preventative maintenance can save you much grief and heartburn. And don't forget, speeding won't save you all that much time. It wastes gas and puts more wear and strain on your car. Besides, a speeding ticket that will run you a couple of hundred dollars isn't worth the few minutes that speeding will save you.

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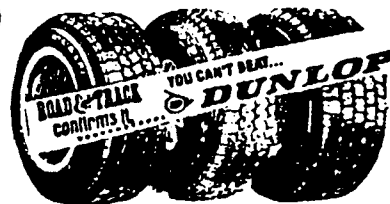
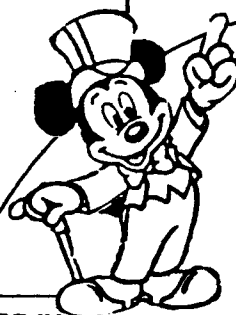
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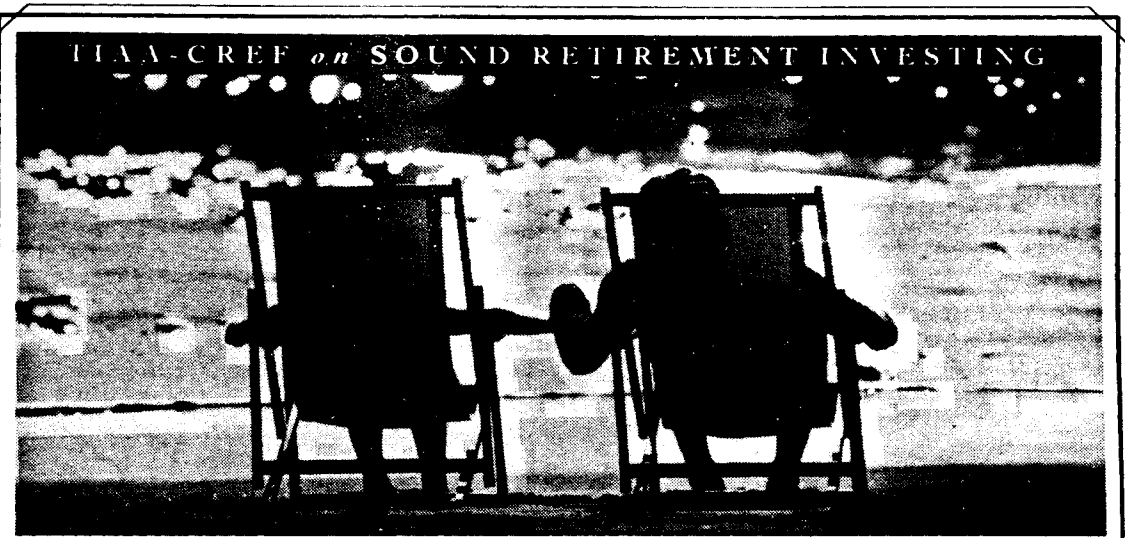


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Ex-Locals Shine on Western Front

WHO ON EARTH does the scheduling around here? How does the Stony Brook hierarchy expect anyone to study for mid-terms with everything going on in the world?

Although I myself am taking a schedule designed for a peasant — BIO 101, HUM 121 et al; — the tests are pretty hard. Matter-of-factly, I totally divebombed on two tests last week (please don't read the column this week, Mom). But its NOT MY FAULT! I had no idea my team-of-teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers, would be involved in such a heated pennant race with arch-rival(?) Atlanta. And whodathunk that CBS would broadcast all three of the crucial games? But if that wasn't enough, the Stony Brook satellite decided to give its viewing audience more static than anything else, so I was forced to watch the game over some beers at the Park Bench.

Next thing I knew, it was 2 am and I had a mid-term the next day that I didn't study for. Divebomb number one.

After the Dodgers were taken care of, I had to watch the Championship series — both of them — just because I always watch them. Now, if you were a professor, why would you schedule tests during this incredibly important moment in time? Obviously my

ITL 299 professor — yes I'm taking ITL 299 also — knows a little something about undergrad study habits, because his mid-term is in early November, when absolutely nothing goes on, except for electing our leaders. (Who says that's important?).

But as the National League series entered its seventh game, studying didn't even enter my mind. And then, even worse, the Giants had to play on Monday night, right before my HIS 225 mid-term. Needless to say, I opted for the alternate 10-15 page paper due in early December. Divebomb number two.

I just hope the real world isn't as difficult as this.

As the Minnesota Twins cruised past the Toronto Blue Jays into their second World Series in five years, I noticed how much the New York teams played a factor in their victory.

Starting with the infield, Greg Gagne at one point in his career was a Yankee farmhand. The hero of the '87 post-season, Gagne contributed the three-run blast in game one to seal the victory for the Twins.

Former Yankee third-bagger Mike Pagliarulo's pinch-HR won game four for the Twins in the 10th inning. Though he's not a power-hitter any longer — he hit only six homers in 1991, a far cry from the 32 he hit in 1987 — Pags

hit a career-high .279 and solidified the hot corner by platooning with rookie Scott Leius.

Catcher Junior Ortiz, once a Met-has been, didn't fare as well in 1991 as he did in 1990, when he hit in excess of .330, but his defense helped when regular catcher Brian Harper failed.

The strongest point, however, is the Twins pitching staff. And it's here we find four ex-New Yorkers and one couldabeen.

The Trade. Mets fans will never be able to live down that day: July 31, 1989, when the Mets sent Kevin Tapani, Rick Aguilera, David West and two minor-leaguers for Frank Viola. Two-and-one-half-years later, it's the Twins that have received all the dividends.

Tapani blossomed in 1991, going 16-9 with a 2.99 ERA, while Aguilera finished third in the AL in saves with 42 and had a 2.35 ERA. West began to show signs of his ability in '91, while Viola did nothing less than stink. His 15 losses put him just in front of San Fran's Bud Black, and his 3.97 ERA proved it wasn't the Mets' lack of hitting that decided his record.

Met retreat Terry Leach had another solid year as the Twins' set-up man.

The only Yankee mistake was that Jack Morris, the anchor of the Twins starters, should've been in pinstripes way back in the collusion days. Oh well.

One last thing — Twins in six. Sorry, Tomahawk Choppers. See you next Wednesday in your favorite bathroom.



RANTIN' AND REAVEN

Eddie Reaven

Kuhner propels Ladies to Invy win



Janna Kuhner

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

Freshman Janna Kuhner of Medford was named the Stony Brook VIP/*Statesman* Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 14.

The 21-3 Lady Patriots captured the Binghamton Invitational by finishing the round-robin tournament, 5-0. Kuhner led Stony Brook to the championship by accumulating 50 kills and 14 blocks over the five matches. Stony Brook dominated their opponents, losing just one game the entire weekend.

The impact of Kuhner's recent performances comes at a time when the Lady Patriots have been shorthanded. Sara Helmer, a regular starter at the middle position, went down with an ankle injury in a match against C.W. Post earlier this month. In addition, outside hitter Stasia Nikas also suffered an ankle injury recently which has hampered her play of late. "Janna was our go-to player this weekend," said Head Coach Teri Tiso. "She took over for Stasia."

Despite having shared playing time prior to Helmer's injury, Kuhner has filled the starting position nicely. As a two-time All-League, All-Conference and All-County performer in high school, the progression to start for a nationally-ranked volleyball program seemed only natu-

ral. "My goal in the beginning of the season was to start," said Kuhner. "Honestly, I never expected to be starting so soon."

Tiso, who is not surprised that Kuhner is in the starting lineup already did admit, "I did not anticipate Janna would be hitting this well so early." Kuhner has raised her kill percentage to .304. To better understand this impressive statistic, the kill percentage is comparable to a baseball player's batting average.

Kuhner, reluctant to admitting having had her best performance of the season at the Binghamton Invitational, prefers to dwell on the team's success. "The team played good defense the whole tournament and our passing was the best of the season," said Kuhner. "We established the middle early, which has been a problem for us."

"Although there was no All-tournament team, Janna would have definitely been on it," said Tiso. "She was a force out there." The progress Kuhner has made has been the result of hard work and dedication. "Janna has worked hard and brought her skills up to a very competitive level," said Tiso.

"The Lady Patriots are a young team with no seniors, and just one junior. To fulfill the team's goal of winning the states and returning to the NCAA tournament, players like Janna Kuhner must continue to step forward when needed.

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Pats submarined

By Alicia J. Spiegel
 Statesman Sports Writer

The Patriots men's soccer team played hosts to the Merchant Marines and lost by a score of 4-2 last Wednesday.

In the first 20 minutes of the game, the Pats were down by three goals. The Merchant Marines completely dominated the ball and kept Stony Brook from cashing in on offense. Even Eryck Avila, who's played consistently on offense, failed to score on many of his opportunities.

After those 20 minutes, the Pats woke up. They played stronger, controlling the ball. Avila scored on a

corner kick which swerved in the goal with the help of the wind, putting Stony Brook on the board.

Later, Avila had another opportunity when he was awarded a free kick. Avila, though failed to capitalize.

Both teams went into the half with Kings Point holding a decisive 4-1 edge over the Patriots.

Chris Grillo helped his team inch closer by scoring the Pats' second goal. But that would be all the scoring in the afternoon.

"We weren't competing at an acceptable level for the first 20 minutes," said Grillo, "and when we woke up, it was too late because we didn't have enough time to win the game. We had a lot of opportunities to score in the game."

The Pats play their next home game against Vassar this Saturday at 1 pm.

Men's Soccer

Kings Point: 4

Patriots: 2

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Football team hopes to exceed .500

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

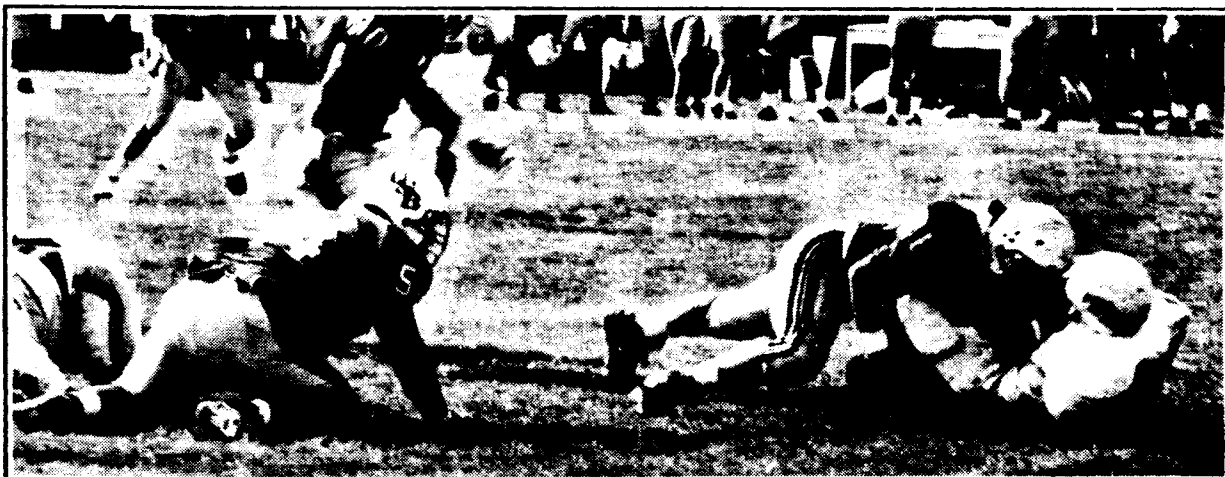
The Stony Brook Football Patriots seeks to go over the .500 plateau when they kick-off against Kings Point this Saturday.

"Kings Point is coming off a loss," said defensive tackle Brian Barowski. "So it's not going to be a pushover game."

While the Merchant Marines are fresh off of a loss, the 3-3 Patriots are fresh off of an exciting 14-6 Homecoming victory. "We're coming off of a very big win," said defensive back Chris Lopata of the Wesley win last week. "We want that to snowball for the rest of the season, starting with Kings Point."

Kings Point will utilize its explosive offense and Stony Brook will counter with its consistent defense. "They're a great team," said linebacker Michael Benedetto. "We have to control the game and hope they'll break down. Our D-line has to control the line of scrimmage."

Linebacker Richard McConekey agrees that the Patriots must focus in on the Kings Point offense — especially on their star running back, Wes Stearns. "I think it presents us with a new challenge for the defense," said McConekey. "They have a run-and-shoot offense. Last time we played a run-and-shoot offense in Iona, we didn't do too well. This should be interesting for us... We've played well for the last two weeks."



Defensive end Dan Fuentes sacks the quarterback during the Homecoming game last Saturday.

The game this weekend between the two schools will be the last of its kind in the Liberty Football Conference. Next season, both squads will join the New England Football Conference — maintaining the geographic rivalry.

"There is a rivalry," said Lopata. "Because they're an academy, they're always tough. They never quit." The Patriots will once again start Joe McVeigh as

quarterback. They will look for him to build on his solid performance against Wesley to pace the offense. The defense will try to stay true to form as they attempt to pacify Kings Point.

After Saturday's game at Captain Tomb Field, the Pats will host their final home game of the year. They will take on Western Connecticut.

Hockey Pats counting on added depth

By George M. Lasher
Special to Statesman

The Stony Brook Patriots Ice hockey team is preparing for its 17th season in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference and seeking to improve on its second place finish in its division last year.

The team is coached for the third year

by Andy Kinnier who guided the Patriots to a 15-7 record last season. Kinnier is joined by last year's assistant coaches Rick Guagliardo and Bob Benkovitz. Rob Van Pelt, the team's 1991 MVP and two-time captain has also joined the coaching staff. All four coaches played hockey for the university in the 1980s and '90s.

The coaching staff is counting on a core of returning players upon which to build. In goal, Bill Dickhut and Tom Rufrano return for their senior years. Dickhut was voted top goaltender in the division last season playing in nine of the Patriots' 15 wins. Junior Gerry Calamnia will press both seniors for playing time.

On defense the graduation of all-star captain Van Pelt will be felt. However, veterans Eric Wuss, Bill Mauer, Jason Aigen and Lou Megna are all returning.

Up front the Patriots look solid. The two top scorers from last year's squad that netted 127 goals are returning. Geoff Hulse who led the team in scoring with 21 goals and 23 assists for 44 points is back. Adrian Jackson, who led the Pats in goals scored for the second consecutive year with 24 has also returned. In addition, freshman sensation Mike Crockett who was 5-11-16 in one-half season of play looks to improve on those totals.

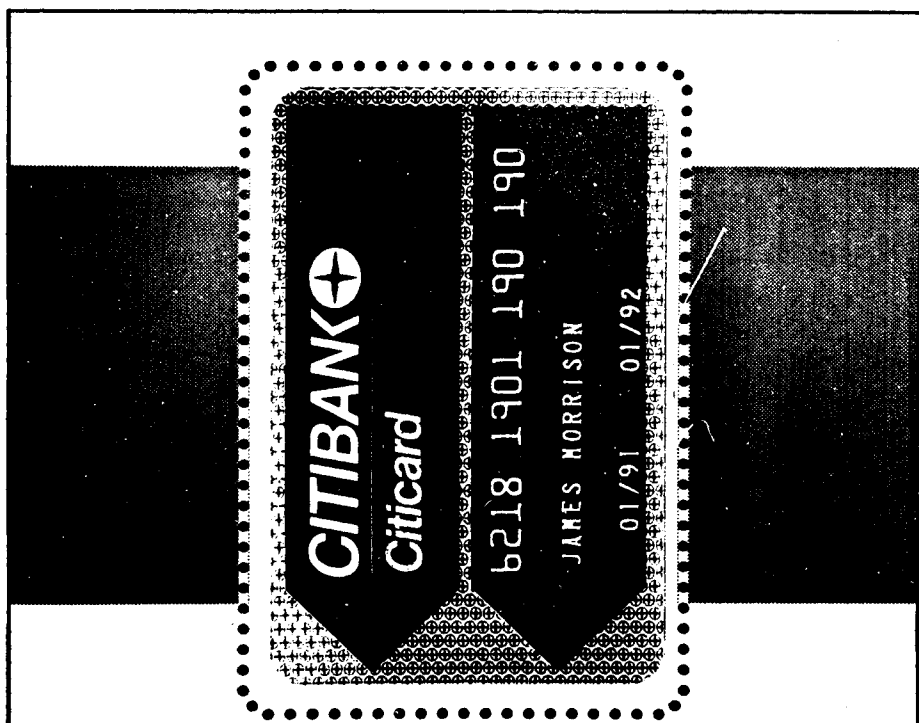
It remains to be seen what the quality

of the incoming freshmen and transfer crop will be. The coaching staff hopes to see Travis Caissie, Todd Caissie's younger brother, out for the team. Mike Stillwagon, a freshman from St Francis Prep who captained the New York City entry into the Empire States last year is out for the team. He is joined by two Suffolk County High School all-stars from Northport, Brian Karp and Craig DeMaio. Darien Sobor from Xavier High School is also looking to make a contribution along with a host of other hopefuls.

Hard working wingers Eric Ober, Josh Gazes and Eric Miller have also returned for another year on the ice.

The Patriots' season opener is Oct. 26th against Seton Hall at South Mountain, New Jersey. They're then back on the Island to play Hofstra at Nassau Coliseum on Nov. 2nd.

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Wrieth leads Lady Pats to shutout win

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

The Lady Patriots soccer team upped its season record to 3-11-2 with a shutout victory over the Columbia Lions Tuesday afternoon, 3-0.

Freshman forward Kara Wrieth led the way for the Lady Patriots with three points in the contest. "She has been in the right place at the right time," said teammate Heather Lavery. "And that's what we needed."

At the 7:57 mark of the first quarter, Wrieth gave her team what it needed when she connected with an assist from freshman midfielder Christina Cuggino, to put the Lady Pats on the board. Cuggino came into the contest after freshman midfielder Pam Martin injured herself.

Women's Soccer

Patriots: 3
Columbia: 0

The next Stony Brook tally came at the 51.08 mark when junior midfielder Denise Laviola received a feed from Wrieth. Only four seconds later, Wrieth capitalized on another offensive play as she scored the last goal of the game; freshman back Chris Amarin recorded a pretty assist and the



Lady Pat Christina Cuggino (20) takes ball upfield in yesterday's game.

Statesman/Sandra B. Carreon

Lady Patriots had a 3-0 win.

"Today was great for us," said junior tri-captain Lavery. "The wins are few and far between. We're a young team. Next

year we will do very well."

The Lady Patriots will look to maintain their modest streak when they travel to Maryland tomorrow afternoon. They have

only two games left in their schedule, excluding the Maryland one. Their last home game will be on the 30th when they host Princeton.

Ruggers clinch division

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Staff Writer

BRONX, New York — The Stony Brook rugby club clinched its first division title Saturday with a 20-10 victory over SUNY-Maritime.

The Patriots fell behind early in the first half as Maritime struck quickly, picking up a tri off a botched USB possession. The extra kick was good, and the lead belonged to Maritime, 6-0.

"We couldn't let them get ahead," said Pats captain Zack Marowitz, who was sidelined with a broken nose. "This was our most important game of the season. If we lost, Maritime would've clinched. We had to beat them."

And beat them they did. Wing Jed Kliman, who played for the University of Oregon squad last year, popped a kick into the tri-zone for the Pats' first score. Rookie wing Mike Bergamini hit the extra kick, and the score was tied 6-6.

Maritime fielded their next possession deep in their turf after stopping a Patriots drive, and fullback Joe Steiner booted the ball downfield into USB territory. An ensuing kick put the ball closer to the Pats' tri-zone when a Maritime player drove it in, making the score 10-6 at the half.

Rugby

Patriots: 20
Maritime: 10

"The second half turned out to be the most important half in our history," said Marowitz. "If we wanted to improve our standing in the Northeast, we had to win."

Collegiate rugby is monitored by the Metropolitan Rugby Football Union, not the NCAA for numerous reasons, which is why it is not a divisional sport. The Patriots are in the College "C" division, along with Drew, Manhattanville, Maritime and C.W. Post — who folded their club. The squad which wins the division title is promoted one level, in Stony Brook's case to the "B" division, which includes Hofstra, Vassar, Kings Point, Iona and Columbia.

"It's amazing what determination we had going into that second half," said Kliman. "We were not going to lose."

Stony Brook began the pivotal half with a quick tri by Bergamini, who scampered 25 yards down the sideline to tie the game at 10-10.

Todd Caissie finished off the disenchanted sailors with an insurance tri, and Bergamini hit his second extra kick to push the score to 20-10. "It felt really good scoring my first 'A' tri in this game," said Caissie.

The 4-1 Patriots clinched the title by virtue of its better head-to-head record against Maritime. Next week, the Pats close out their fall season by taking on Iona in a non-divisional game.

Volleyball team takes another title

The Stony Brook Lady Patriots volleyball team, ranked second in New York state and 14th in the nation, brought home yet another invitational championship.

This time, the Lady Pats went 5-0 to capture the Binghamton Invationals, upping their season mark to 21-3.

Opening action last Friday, Stony Brook defeated Alfred 15-11, 15-6. They then downed top rival Hunter College, 15-9, 15-10. "It was a good win against Hunter," said team captain Stasia Nikas, "because everyone contributed. There was not just one star."

Stony Brook lost only one game the entire weekend. They fell short, 13-15 in their final match against Onconca.

Stony Brook rolled over Alfred, Hamilton and Binghamton in other pool-play action. Freshman Janna Kuhner had 49 kills in the weekend tournament while sophomore Denise Rehor had 97 assists. Sophomore Kristin Smith recorded eight kills in the match against Binghamton and added five kills against Alfred.

— Michele Abbatiello