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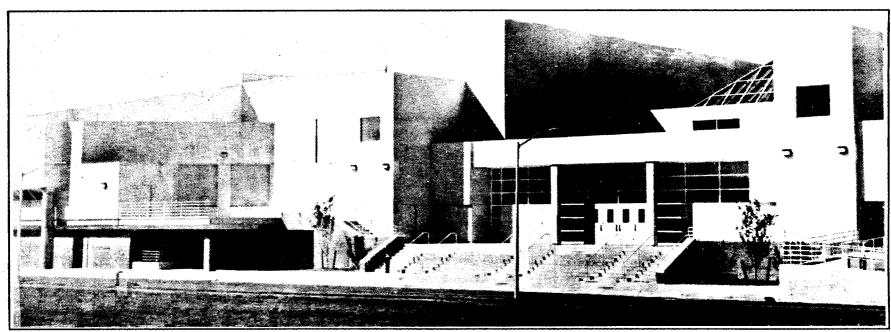
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The Stony Brook Indoor Sports Complex next spring will house the commencement ceremonies for the second time since Stony Brook's birth in 1962.

A Complex Graduation

Commencement to be held indoors to save money

By Raymond Iryami Statesman Editorial Page Editor

OR ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN STONY BROOK'S HISTORY, the university announced plans Monday to hold the commencement ceremony — which had been held outdoors every spring until last year — in the Indoor Sports Complex next spring to save money.

Last year was the first time since the university's than \$18,000 on the ceremony last year.

The decision, made by University President John Marburger, was announced to the University Senate Monday. According to Marburger, the quality of an indoor graduation is superior to an outdoor graduation. Referring to the event of last May Marburger said, "The ceremony had substance and dignity and provided a pleasant experience for all present."

Move Will Save \$11,000

A more important reason for the indoor commencement, he said, is the lower cost of an indoor

The savings add up to more than \$11,000, according to a report prepared by the Office of Conferences

and Special Events. This office, which is responsible birth in 1962 that the commencement ceremony was for the coordination of the commencement ceremony, held indoors. The administration said it saved more estimates that an outdoor ceremony would cost more than \$45,000 as opposed to nearly \$34,000 for an indoor one

Less Seating than Outdoors

The west wing of the Indoor Sports Complex held about 3,300 people in the main arena last year, and more than 1,700 people watched the ceremony from a television screen in the east wing. The outdoor ceremonies held an audience of several thousand more.

Improvements Targeted According to Ann Forkin, director of special events, an effort is being made to improve last year's ceremony. Last year only two tickets were allocated to

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Comparing the Costs

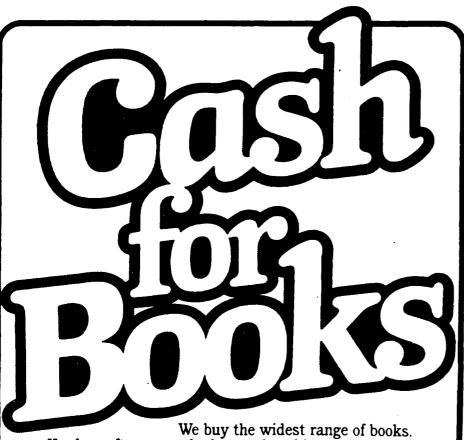
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Source: University Affairs



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Graduate student president resigns

By Scott Joachim an Staff Writer

Graduate Student Organization President John Nolan resigned last Wednesday after announcing to the GSO Senate that he will be graduating.

Nolan, who was an active campus opponent last January to the Persian Gulf war and founder of the Stony Brook Global Action Plan, an environmental group, said he is completing his masters degree next week.

"I'm definately glad I did it," said Nolan. "The most important thing now more than ever is for people to start getting involved because more budget cuts mean resrtucturing the university," he said, referring to the prediction of a \$4 billion state budget gap next year, which could force

Stony Brook to cut up to 3 percent of its budget.

Nolan said his biggest accomplishments as president was protecting the graduate student employees and keeping graduate education as a priority at this university. The most frustrating part of Nolan's job was the continuous lack of student involvement on issues that affect the whole campus, he said.

As GSO vice president, Dominick Chan automatically assumed the presidency after last Wednesday's senate meeting, but later resigned after appointing Monica McTigue vice president. Upon McTigue's appointment as president, she re-appointed Chan to the position of vice president. The transactions were implemented to conform to the organization's bylaws, and were

confirmed by the GSO Senate, according to George Bidermann, a GSO member and editor of the graduate newspaper, GSO News and Blues.

"Monica has been most involved," said Nolan, "I can't think of anyone better."

"I'm really sorry to see John go," said Student Polity Association President Dan Slepian. "He was a pleasure to work with and he gave me a lot of insight."

Nolan was active in the peace movement concerning the Persian Gulf war last semester, and focused on environmental issues as a member of the GSO, according to Bidermann. "John worked very hard and has been visible in combatting issues with the administration," Bidermann said. "GSO has been at the forefront of the battle through



John Nolan

After graduation, Nolan said he will return home to Albany and finish his thesis on global warming. He said he will also be looking for a job in waste management.

College Republicans condemn Duke

By Jason Didner tesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook College Republicans unanimously condemned former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke's run for the presidency of the United States last Thursday for his past involvement in "racist organizations."

Duke, who announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for the presidency last week after losing his bid for governor of Louisiana last month, is surrounded by controversy for his past as grand wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and his past support for the Nazi party.

The club feels it was very important to send the message that the College Republicans condemn Duke," said College Republican President Ron Nehring. "His past actions prove that he and the Republican party have little in common."

"He's a wolf in sheep's clothing," said Steve Mauriello, vice president of the College Republicans. "His policies are progressive and he says what the people want to hear, but he can't deny his past." Mauriello said Duke's candidacy for president is "offensive to the Republican Party and to the American people."

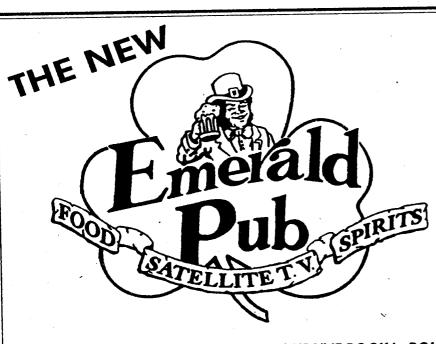
Nehring said, "His candidacy holds a potential to be a public embarrassment."

Mauriello expressed his fear that the Louisiana election was too close. "When 60 percent of the white people in the state vote for a man with Duke's history, you have to wonder what they are thinking."

Nehring did not express this concern about the election results. "I don't think the election was close," he said, "I'm gratified that the people gave him so few votes. I don't give him any chance."

The resolution to oppose a Duke run for president cited the party's obligation to "strive to continue to be the party of positive reform, opportunity, . . . racial equality, freedom and personal liberty."

The resolution closed by urging "all Republicans, and all Americans, to reject the candidacy of David Duke for any public office, to reject racism in all its forms, and to work toward a racially harmonious nation."



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Conquering the fear of the laboratory

By David Joachim Statesman Editor-in-Chief

A bride and groom feel it as they walk down the aisle. A pacing father feels it as he awaits his baby's birth. A child feels it before the first day of school.

The anxiety of a new experience is enough to affect a person's performance, according to Lecturer Marjorie Kandel, a chemistry lab instructor at Stony Brook. For new college students, the uneasiness in a laboratory often turns them away from the sciences before they get a chance to to appreciate them, Kandel said. But there is hope.

"If you get over any anxiety early, it expands your choices," Kandel said. With the help of an \$80,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, Kandel designed a series of lab anxiety workshops

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held this semester to ease students' fear of the lab. The grant and the workshops — the first of their kind at Stony Brook and possible the country, Kandel said — are part of a study Kandel and her department are conducting to determine the degree of lab anxiety in incoming students. Her study will also determine if introductory courses in generic lab technique — which would apply to all science courses — would help students cope with their fear of the lab. There currently is no lab introduction course in the university's curriculum.

"The lab seems unbelievably hard at first," said Stacey Shlachtman, senior, a teaching assistant in the workshop. To some students, it is the first time using the complex equipment in a lab. "You've never seen these things

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before," she said. "And when you add time limits and grades, there's a lot of pressure."

Kandel takes this pressure off students in the workshop by conducting lab experiments on familiar items, such as candy or make-up. "When you see lipstick separate into chemicals, you forget about being scared," Shlachtman said.

In a workshop last month, seven students examined the chemical composition of M & M candies to determine which candy shells contained Yellow dye #5, a chemical coloring that endangers asthma sufferers. This experiment is similar to those done in introductory chemistry. But the workshop typically includes only five to ten students out of a class of about 600, half of which are freshmen, Kandel said.

Because the workshop is voluntary and is not graded, Kandel said much of the pressure is relieved. "If we didn't grade the classes, everyone would like them," Kandel said. "Here, we can give ourselves a grade."

More than 50 students, some non-science majors, have participated in the workshop since it was introduced in September. Kandel's goal is to create an elective class that will introduce students to the lab without an emphasis on a particular science. She predicted that the study on the effectiveness of the workshop will be finished by the spring of 1993 and an introductory lab course would be available in the fall of 1992.

For the meantime, the class is working, Kandel said. "Boy, I can see it in the middle of an experiment," she said. "Suddenly, something clicks in their minds and their attitudes change. It doesn't mean there aren't any problems, but at least they believe they can solve them."

Robert Stokes, a 39-year-old junior, said the workshop strengthened his lab skills and clarified some of his problems. "When I started in chemistry, nothing was explained to me," said Stokes, a physical therapy major who is taking lab courses this semester in chemistry and biology. "I was going through the lab looking for who knows what."

"I find my way around the lab better now," said Lisa Fricano, 17, a freshman biology major who said she was worried and confused about the lab. "I see it as a lot more fun."

Kandel said she feels the workshop will attract more non-science majors to the field who are intimidated by the lab. "It didn't come naturally for me either," she said. "There are some people who can't sleep the night before a lab. Those are the people this is for."



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State budget deal possible soon

Student Leader News Service

ALBANY — With a mid-year budget gap approaching \$1 billion, state legislators are gathering in Albany for conferencing, the step toward a legislative action on the crisis.

Assembly members have met last night, and state senators are meeting today to firm up the deals to be passed by both houses.

Assembly speaker Mel Miller, Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino and Governor Mario Cuomo have been meeting in Albany in recent weeks to hammer out an agreement to adjust the budget.

Until a successful agreement of the three is reached, the budget process is stalled. The fact that the legislature is in conference seems to indicate that an agreement has been reached, as miller and Marino normally would not call a conference until such a time that they need to firm up majority support for their houses.

previous estimates on the mid-year budget gap were \$689 million, but recent estimates place this figure at \$800 million to \$1 billion. This shortfall is due to a lesser intake of state sales tax and other taxes than was projected last spring.

Talk of a multi-year budget is also circulating, which could postpone the cuts to next year, when the total could be \$4-5 billion.

This initiative would delay the cuts for a year, until a time when, theoretically, the economy might be better and the budget is more easily dealt with. This could also delay the cuts until after the 1992 presidential elections.



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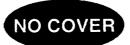
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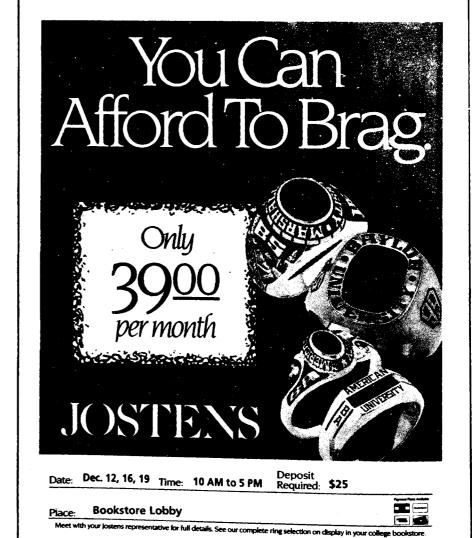
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each graduate and 700 tickets were not used, according to Manuel Nunez, the undergraduate senior class representative. "The problem last year was that too many students didn't know what was going on," he said.

One possible solution would be to give two tickets to only those graduates who intend to use them, said Forkin, so that the surplus tickets would be available to those who may want more than the two allotted tickets. If this plan goes into effect, any graduating senior who plans to attend the commencement would have to return a form by a certain deadline, which has not yet been determined. Both Forkin and Nunez said they like this idea, but point out that a system has to be devised to distribute the leftover tickets to those who need them. "Manuel and I are working on it," Forkin said. "We're trying to be as fair as we can".

Both Forkin and Nunez stressed the importance of seniors keeping up with announcements regarding the ticket distribution. Aside from the advertisements on the Student Polity pages of campus newspapers, Forkin said she wants to send out an information package to all seniors, informing them about the university's plans.

According to Nunez, Forkin asked for \$500 from Polity to pay for the cost of mailing the information. This request was denied by the Polity Council. "The Polity reserve budget is really low," Nunez said, "but we're looking to see if we can help her find the \$500 from other places in the commencement budget," adding that there is room for cuts in the budget. "There may be some things in there that we can get cheaper."

Dissent Last Year

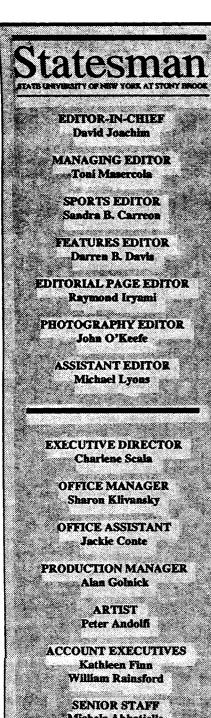
Last year's announcement of the firstever indoor commencement ceremony at Stony Brook brought dissent from graduating seniors, many of whom threatened to walk out of the ceremony during Marburger's address because of the facility's limited seating. A walkout never happened, but a petition last year gathered several thousand signatures against the plan. Marburger, however, responded that the move was necessary in the wake of state budget reductions to the university.

CORRECTION

In the last edition, an article on page 7 innacurately reported that the State University at Stony Brook was founded in 1957. The university's former campus, Oyster Bay, was founded in 1957, but Stony Brook was founded in 1962.



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Editorial

Move Graduation Outdoors Again

The university's plan to hold the spring graduation ceremonies indoors next spring may be financially sound, but it is reinforcing a terrible precedent set last year.

Last year's ceremony was the first in Stony Brook's history to be held indoors. Although the campus community warned the university it would be a tragedy, the cost-cutting measure was taken anyway, and the university saved about \$18,000.

Well, the ceremony may not have been a tragedy, but it certainly was uncomfortable. The limited seating capacity in the west wing of the Indoor Sports Complex — 3,300 for the event, as opposed to several thousand more outdoors — alienated many graduates' family members as each student was typically limited to two tickets.

Sure, this year the university stands to lose even more money from the state than last year — as much as 3 percent of its budget — in response to the \$4 billion deficit expected to come out of Albany this fiscal year. This undoubtedly would

be devastating.

But the \$11,000 the university stands to save for this commencement next spring is insignificant in terms of the entire problem. The savings did not make up for the loss suffered by last year's graduates, and it won't this year.

A humorous aspect of the plans is to house a giant television screen in the east wing of the sports complex to allow those graduates' family memebers and friends who can't get tickets to the real thing to watch the ceremony. Logical, but cold.

Who knows, maybe next yearparents will simply pay \$24.99 to see their kids graduate on cable TV's pay-per view.

Don't forget, commencement is many students families' last taste of Stony Brook. How can we expect them to be concerned with school and its activities? And what about the 4,000 students — potential donors to the university? Their bad last experience could lead to a negative reputation and a loss of potential donors.

If nothing else, graduating seniors, like the students last year, who compiled more than 1,000 signatures on a petition, will be unhappy that the ceremony will be indoors. For what would theoretically cost each graduating senior about \$3, the university is depriving students a quality graduation. If enough students voice rejection of this plan, perhaps something can be changed. But if students continue to allow the university to make these decisions without student input, the precedent of an indoor commencement will be so much a part of Stony Brook's agenda, it will be forgotten that we ever had the ceremony outside. This would be a shame, considering the tradition and flexibility of an outdoor ceremony.

If students are concerned with this decision, they should call University President John Marburger's office, write letters to individuals involved in the planning of the ceremony, and voice their rejection of the decision.

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Colleges Can Give Race-Exclusive Aid

By Lamar Alexander
CCORDING TO THE American
Council on Education, approximately 3.5 percent — about
45,000 — of all minority students at fouryear colleges receive "race-exclusive scholarships", that is, scholarships for which students of only a designated race or national origin may compete. ACE reports that colleges most often offer race-exclusive scholarships in order to increase the diversity of their student populations.

Under what circumstances may colleges offer such race-exclusive scholarships, or other scholarships designed to create diversity, without violating federal law, specifically, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states: "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded form participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."?

There has never been a full policy review and clear set of principles announced upon which colleges might rely in planning and administering student aid programs in which race or national origin may be a factor.

The U.S. Department of Education has now conducted such a review of policy, . It has conducted this review because Congress has given the Department two assignments which, when race-exclusive scholarships are involved, sometimes seem to compete: (1) to promote scholarship and loan programs that help disadvantaged Americans afford college, and (2) to enforce laws that say that colleges receiving federal funds may not discriminate based upon race, color or national origin.

The Department is publishing for comment a set of principles that constitute the proposed conclusion of this review. These principles are designed to assist colleges that may wish to use scholarships, among other reasons, for the purpose of increasing the diversity of intellectual experiences available within a student population without running afoul of the anti-discrimination provisions of Title VI.

After a 90 day period for comment, the Department will publish its set of final principles and then use these in reviewing all complaints of discrimination concerning race-exclusive college financial aid.

The Department does not want any student now attending college on a race-exclusive scholarship to lose that scholarship as a result of the formulation of these principles. Therefore, where these principles require the adjustment of any col-

Lamar Alexander is the U.S. Secretary of Education.

lege financial aid program, there will be a four-year transition period during which the Department will work with colleges to bring them into compliance without harming any student under scholarship.

These principles are:

1. Race-neutral aid for disadvantaged students-Colleges may make awards to disadvantaged students without regard to race, even if that means that such awards go disproportionately to minority students. (Note; For purposes of these principles "scholarship" means any financial aid, including loans and graduate fellowship programs.)

A "disadvantaged" student is one who, despite facing significant obstacles, has prepared himself or herself for a college education. These may be students form low income families. For example, almost one of two full-time undergraduate students has a federal grant or loan, virtually all of which are based upon financial need. These may be students from school districts with high drop-out rates, or students from singleparent families or from families in which few or no members have attended college. None of these or other race-neutral ways of identifying and providing aid to disadvantaged students would present Title VI Discrimination problems.

2. Scholarships To Create Diversity-A college may consider race as one factor among several when awarding scholarships designed to help create the kind of campus educational environment that results from having a student population with a variety of experiences, opinions, backgrounds, and cultures.

America is unique because it has forged one nation from many people of a remarkable number of different backgrounds. Many colleges seek to create on campus an intellectual environment that reflects that diversity. A college should have substantial discretion to weigh many factors—including race—in its efforts to attract and retain a student population of many different experiences, opinions, backgrounds, and cultures, provided that a race is not, in effect, a condition of eligibility for scholarship

The Departments' Title VI regulations permit a college to seek such diversity. The Title VI regulations permit a recipient to take this type of voluntary affirmative action to overcome the effects of conditions that have resulted in limited participation by persons of a particular race or national origin. The Department reviewed these regulatory provisions following the supreme Court's decision in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, (1978), and determined that no changes in the regulations were required.

3. Race-exclusive aid to remedy discrimination- A college may award raceexclusive scholarships when that is necessary to overcome past discrimination.

The implementing regulations for Title VI require a recipient of federal financial assistance that has been found in violation of the regulations not only to end its discriminatory practices, but also to take affirmative action to overcome the effects of past discrimination. A finding of past discrimination may be made by a court or by an administrative agency- such as the Department's Office for Civil Rights. It may be made by a state or local legislative body, as long as the legislature has a strong basis in evidence identifying discrimination within its jurisdiction for which such remedial action is required.

4. Federal race-exclusive scholarships- Congress wrote Title VI, and Congress (within the limits of the U.S. constitution) may create exceptions to Title VI.

Therefore, to the extent federal race-exclusive scholarships - for example, the Patricia Roberst Tharris Fellowship program, which helps minorities pursue graduate and professional studies - seem to conflict with Title VI, the Department will consider Congress' specific legislative action to create an exception to the more general provisions of Title VI.

5. Privately funded race-exclusive scholarships that do not limit aid opportunities for other students-A college may administer private donor race-exclusive scholarships (a scholarship where the

private donor restricts eligibility to students of designated races or national origins) where that aid does not limit the amount, type or terms of financial aid available to any student.

Thus, where a college determines to offer a financial aid package to a student that is permissible on a need basis, or under a program to create diversity, the school may use the private race-exclusive scholarship to fund that package. Accordingly, so long as the college's award of such financial aid is permissible under the principles outlined in categories one through four above, the college may use race-exclusive scholarships funds by private donors to fund that award.

The Department has outlined these permissible circumstances to create more certainty in an area where competing responsibilities have created some uncertainty.

Aside from the circumstances contained in these principles, for a college receiving federal funds to establish scholarships for which students of only a designated race or national origin may compete would appear to violate federal anti-discrimination laws. Congress prohibited such financial aid by the terms of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: "No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded for participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."



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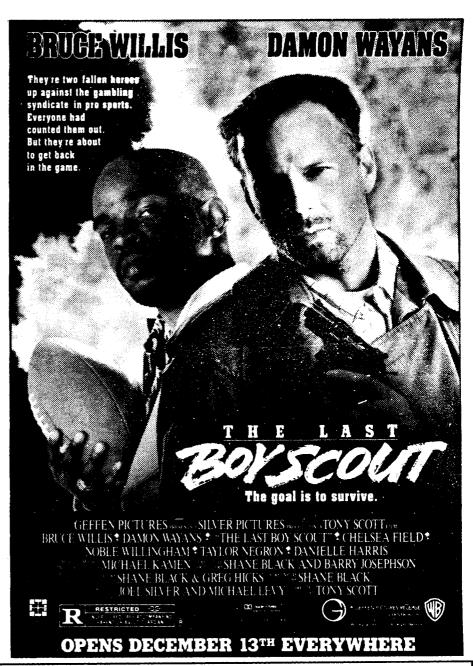
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Seeley swims to award

By Tony McMullen Special to Statesman

Junior Brian Seeley, in helping the men's swimming team to a 128.5-95.5 victory over Albany in their only meet of the week, was named the Stony Brook VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week for the week of Dec. 2.

Seeley, of Setauket, won the 50yard and 100-yard freestyle events, a feat accomplished in each of the two previous meets this season. Seeley swam his personal best time in the 50yard freestyle, 21.85 seconds, two seconds better than the nearest Albany competitor. Despite swimming his slowest time of the season in the 100yard event, Seeley was still able to beat teammate Frank Rubenbauer by nearly two full seconds.

"I am looking for Brian to break the university record in the 50 [yard freestyle]," said Head Coach John DeMarie. "He may even challenge the 100-yard record if he continues to work hard." Seeley has set his sights on the 50-yard freestyle university record set by Gary Leschinski back in 1986. "I am only four-tenths away in the 50," said Seeley. "The 100 is within reach but it would be real difficult."

If, or perhaps more appropriately, when Seeley breaks the university record of 21.44 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle, the rewards will be twofold. Not only will Seeley have broken a

mark that has stood for over five years, but he will also have swum an NCAA Division III national championship qualifying time — the first step in becoming an All-American.

"My primary goal this year is to continue improving my times and make it to the nationals," said Seeley. "My secondary goal is to be voted team MVP."

Seeley's emergence as one of the top "sprint" swimmers in the Metropolitan Conference comes at a time when the Patriots - self-proclaimed the Red Wave — need leadership. "We are a young team with a lot of new faces," said Seeley. "The more meets we swim, the better we will do."

In the meantime, DeMarie will rely on Seeley and other experienced swimmers to carry the load. "When Brian rises to the occasion and performs well in the 50 and 100, the team seems to rally around his effort and excels."

Looking to improve upon his fourth and fifth place finishes in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events respectively at the Metropolitan Championships last year, Seeley admits, "This is the first year I am putting in serious workouts." Seeley is confident that as the season progresses and he faces tougher competition, his times in both events will continue to dip near All-American swim times.

Testing the waters

DIVISION I from back page

cause we're a multi-classified institution, we apply to the more stringent rules," said Ryan. In other words, because Stony Brook is Division III fielding two Division I teams, lacrosse and women's soccer must adhere to either the Division I or Division III rule that is less lenient. For example, Division I allows scholarships but Division III does not. In this case, the Division III rule is stricter, so Stony Brook cannot give out scholarships to lacrosse and women's soccer players.

Espey's and Ryan's teams also have to go by Division III practice rules, though they compete against Division I schools that follow the Division I rule. "We are given less weeks to practice," said Espey, whose team can only practice for 21 weeks, while opponents like Princeton and North Carolina practice for 22 weeks. "They just changed it now," said Espey. "It used to be 26." Ryan, likewise, does without the extra practice sessions.

While there are drawbacks to being a multi-classified institution, lacrosse and women's soccer players have enjoyed the luxury of competing at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics. They have had the chance to pit their skills against the nation's best. "I preferred Division I over Division III," said former women's soccer captain, Michele Turchiano who played two years in Division III and two years in Division I before graduating last semester. "The competition is better. It makes you play harder because you're at a level where you always have to play your best I'm glad I had the opportunity to play Division

"I was happy to be on the first Division I team at Stony Brook. I saw it as a privilege."

- Lou Ventura

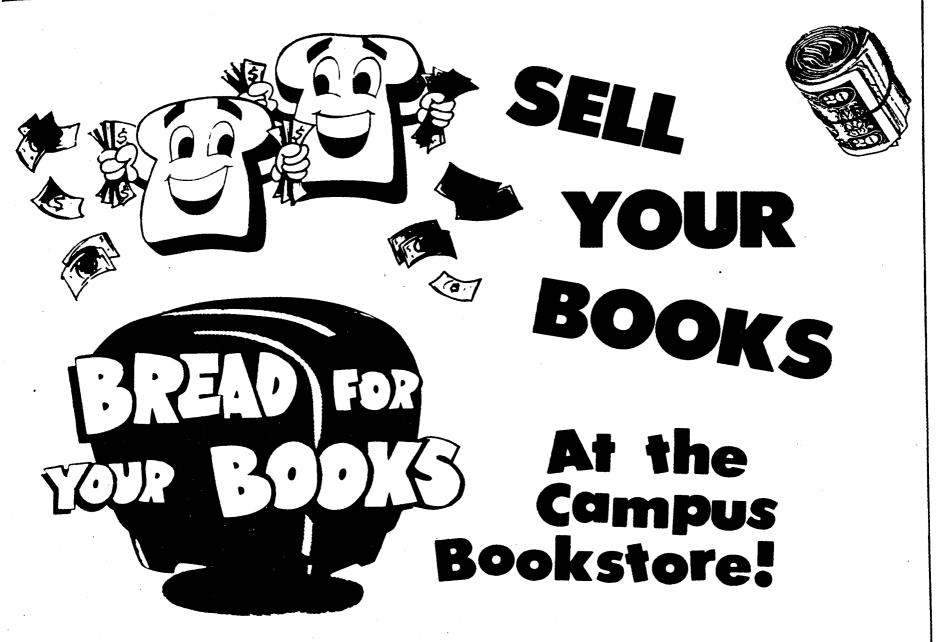
Lou Ventura, of lacrosse, was one of the players who played on the inaugural Division I team. "I was happy to be on the first Division I team at Stony Brook," said Ventura. "I saw it as a privilege."

Teammate Joe Cain, who also joined the team in 1989, agreed. "I didn't want to play for a team that was happy just in being Division I," said Cain. "I wanted to play for a team that had a challenge playing in

Espey, Ryan and their players have helped to add distinction to Stony Brook on a grander scale. Their performances against older and athletically sounder institutions have given the university exposure - facilitating what may be a full-scale departmental transition. The lacrosse and women's soccer upgrade served as experiments for the larger picture - a university upgrade. And because the lacrosse and women's soccer teams proved they can indeed compete nationally, the initiative taken by Stony Brook last week is doubly exciting and promising.

The roads Espey and Ryan took made a difference for their respective programs. But it also made a difference for the university, trying to follow in their footsteps.

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Smith banks 49 points

Junior point guard Emeka Smith proved Saturday night why he deserved the Skyline Conference Player of the Week award as he scored 49 points in a double overtime win against Lehman College, 92-86.

Smith scored a total of 18 points in the extra sessions. He recorded all 10 of Stony Brook's points in the first overtime and banked in eight of the team's 11 points in the second overtime.

In the team's next game, against

undefeated Skyline Conference leader New Jersey Tech, the Patriots dropped their record to 5-3 with a tough 91-75 loss.

Junior forward Ricky Wardally led the game with 25 points and 18 rebounds. He was followed by Smith in scoring with 15 points and sophomore forward Vernard Williams, who had 11.

The Patriots will host Staten Island at 7 pm this Saturday as they look to earn their first conference win of the young season.

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"We're back, and boy Dan, what a team Sam Kornhauser Jr. has in these Patriots."

"Yeah, Joe, only five years of Division I ball under their belt and they look fantastic. After the bigwigs on Long Island had the Patriot Dome built for a paltry \$500 million in 1995 . . . ?

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"Well, we're talking football here, Joe, and \$500

anymore, where the average salary has hit \$25 million a year. Unbelievable."

"Yeah, but that dome has provided the team with all of the latest hardware to train with. And boy, what a recruiting tool it's been.'

"That's right, Joe. Stony Brook has become the new 'Monster of the East,' replacing Penn State, after recruiting a record 90 percent of the East Coast's top prospects over the last five years."

"Hard to believe that after Kornhauser Sr. passed the reigns over to his son back in '01 that they would be as competitive."

> "Yeah, it's unbelievable, Dan. But how about that defense? Could it stand up to Jim Kelly Jr. and his incredible arm?"

"I don't know, but Bernie Kosar has sure done a hell of a job with that offense."

"He sure has, Dan. Since retiring from pro football after the 1996 season, Kosar has taken control of the Hurricanes with a force not seen since Jimmy Johnson was here. He has implemented the pro-set offense that Johnson and former-coach Dennis Erickson used to have here, until former-coach Major Harris began to use the wishbone."

"Boy, what a failure that was, huh, Joe?"

"Oh was it. After three consecutive 3-8 seasons, Kosar took over in '03 and really sparked this team.' "Yeah, but what a story those Patriots are."

"After Kornhauser Sr. left to become head coach the New York Jets in '01, just a year after going D-1, retiring Athletic Director John Ramsey was forced to select Kornhauser Jr., because he was the only coaching prospect that could figure out both the intricate offensive and defensive schemes."

"That's right, Joe. After a long search that took them throughout the United States, it came down to the younger coach or assistant Ray Handley."

'That's right, Dan. Handley, who was fired by the Giants after their pathetic 1991 season, only a year after they won the Super Bowl, became head coach at Sheepshead Bay High School in Brooklyn for 12 years before becoming an assistant at Stony Brook."

"Yeah, what a downward spiral for Ray Handley." "Well we're about ready for kickoff, and the 2005 Sugar Bowl is underway

Wow. What a trip. I can't wait.

Well, my friends, this is it. Two years and countless columns later, this is the very last Rantin' and Reaven. That thing known as a graduation (a what?) looms near, now approaching nine days from now.

And, as all great "last" things, it will be documented in time for all to see, even after I leave this place they call a university (whomever 'they' is, get them and

I'd like to thank everyone over the past four-andone-half years that have made my stay at Stony Brook a little easier to deal with. In no particular order: Darren, Dave, Steve, Daryl, Garet, Chris, Evan, Patrick, Christine, Dan, Tom, John the Freshman, Rich, Sandra, Toni, Otto, Yas, Abby, Karin, Sheila, Gina, Doc M, Bari, Lisa, Charlene, Sharon, Alan, Psycho Toe Cheese, Todd, John, Jed, and all the Rugby Guys. Thanks for everything. I would have been committed if I didn't know you people.

Sluggish start ends in Patriot victory

By Susan Rodi Statesman Staff Writer

After a sluggish start, the men's swimming team managed to defeat Queens College Monday, 136-104 to up its young season mark to 3-1.

"It was not the kind of performance I expected," said Men's Swimming Head Coach John

DeMarie, who thought his team had a disappointing start. The team could not grab the advantage

against Queens, a team that never beat the Patriots.

Queens seemed optimistic after the first two events with the score in their favor. 24-11. At this point, Stony Brook was relying on senior Frank Rubenbauer in the 200-yard freestyle. Rubenbauer earned first place with 1:51:15, supported by

sophomores Zack Buck and Paul Fick.

Eddie Reaven

Junior freestyler Brian Seeley, undefeated so far this season in the 50 yard freestyle, took first place in this race with 22.36.

In the one-meter diving competitions, the Stony Brooks divers -sophomores Dan Tesone, Mike Tucchio and freshman Larry Sawyer took first, second, and third respectively. This shutout against the inexperienced Queens divers brought the Pats' score up to enable them a chance at winning the meet. The team also gained 16 points in the 100-yard sprint freestyle taking first, second and third. DeMarie said that this was a "key event" en route to the victory.

Seeley's 49.9 in this race was complemented by the "amazing recovery" of freshman Joe Whelan, according to DeMarie, whose time was 51.32. DeMarie said that Whelan is a "very courageous kid," after overcoming a recent appendectomy.

It was at this point in the meet that Stony Brook took the decisive lead against Queens. In the 500-yard freestyle, Rubenbauer raced his lifetime best of 3:11.5 thus earning first place. He also anchored a very "exciting relay" according to DeMarie's standards. This relay, the 400yard freestyle, was very tough for the Pats. The first three swimmers swam dead even until Rubenbauer opened it up with his season best, 3:26:10. DeMarie viewed this victory as a "good test for us. It allowed us to win away, which is tough. We beat a team which really wanted to beat us because they never have. It was critical to a winning season."

The swimmers faced NYU yesterday.

Because final statistics were not available prior to press time, the meet summary will appear in the Monday edition of Statesman. But prior to the meet, DeMarie said theat the NYU team has improved from last year. "They have some international swimmers from the Soviet Union and not too many weaknesses," said DeMarie. "There can be no individual letdowns [in order for the team to win the meet."

Last Friday the team beat SUNY Albany, 128.5-95.5.

"It's a good victory for us," said Assistant Coach Rob Seidler. "Albany is our sister school.'

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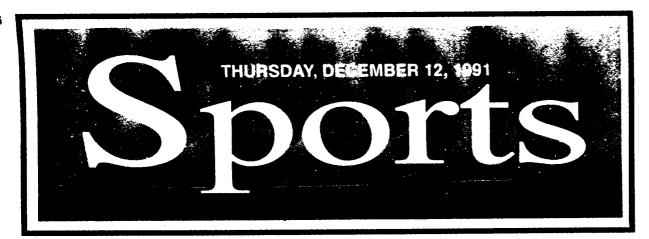
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Men's Basketball hosts Staten Island: Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 pm.

Experiment leads to the big-time

By Sandra B. Carreon man Sports Editor

Writer Robert Frost closes off his poem The Road Not Taken in 1916 with the lines. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I/ I took the one less traveled by / And that has made all the difference.'

In 1989, it was John Espey and Sue Ryan who took the road less traveled by other Stony Brook coaches as they began what may culminate into Stony Brook's full-

THE ROAD TO DIVISION I

fledged ascent to Division I athletics.

Espey and Ryan, head coach of lacrosse and women's soccer respectively, provided the university with a microcosmic, first-hand look into the world of bigtime athletics. The successful transitions of both their programs have given Stony Brook the confidence to attack its most recent venture.

"One of the things we knew would happen is that if we go Division I, it would benefit other programs," said Espey. "Every program was going to be uplifted."

Espey took what he terms "a low-level

Division III lacrosse team" in 1987 and made it into a top-notch squad that continues to promise success. "I don't think there's anything better than building a program and reaping the rewards," said Espey. 'We've seen a lot of progress. We're being taken seriously by the best lacrosse players."

Similarly, Ryan has been witness to an evolution. "When we play a team for the first time, they don't know who we are because they're not accustomed to playing us in other sports," said Ryan. "They assume we're not good. But when we play well, they gain a tremendous respect for us."

Lacrosse and women's soccer were targeted to go Division I specifically for their "recruiting potentials," according to Ryan. Being based on Long Island, "a hotbed for soccer and lacrosse," Ryan explained that Stony Brook could and would draw the best talents locally.

The decision to go Division I in lacrosse and women's soccer several years ago gave both coaches less time to prepare than the other coaches now have to prepare for an overall reclassification. "The NCAA was changing rules regarding Division I





schools," said Espey. "NCAA regulations made it more difficult for schools to be multi-classified. We had to make a decision right away."

We had less time to prepare," said Ryan. "It was about two years. This move [to go Division I across the board] is more positive because coaches have a longer



Sue Ryan

timetable."

As heads of Division I teams, both Espey and Ryan have enjoyed their shares of rewards and frustrations as they comply with NCAA stipulations.

"We're a Division I program but be-

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Two blowouts drop Patriots to 3-4

By Aimee Brunelle Statesman Staff Writer

The Patriots women's basketball team improved its record to 3-4 with a one-sided victory Monday night over

visiting Mount Saint Vincent 78-40. Only twelve seconds into the game, junior Diane Barry put Stony Brook on the board first by hitting a three-

pointer. Sophomore Joan Gandolf followed up with a jumper one minute later to give the Pats an early 5-0 lead.

Women's Basketball

Following Mt. St. Vincent's meager response of only two baskets, Stony Brook went on a 16-3 run. Sophomore Cathy Crean led the Pats with seven of these 16, and freshman Kim Douglas hit a short jumper and nailed a three-pointer.

Stony Brook continued to dominate the game and by halftime had extended the lead to 36-1. At the start of the second half, Gandolf nailed a three-pointer off an inbound pass and senior Jessica Arnold scored on a fastbreak lay-up on an assist from Barry. Gandolf hit another basket to extend the Pats' lead to 43-16.

The defense, taking advantage of Mt. St. Vincent's mistakes, scored 18 points on turnovers caused by the strong Stony Brook defense. The Pats also controlled the boards, out-rebounding Mt. St. Vincent 55-33.

Gandolf paced the way for Stony Brook with game highs in points and boards — 17 and 12 respectively.

Gandolf was named to the ECAC Weekly Honor Roll

as she averaged 13 points and 17 rebounds over the previous three games. Crean and freshman Shannon Hunt each added 11 points, while Arnold and Douglas contributed 10 points each.

Head Coach Dec McMullen was very pleased with the team's performance and commented on a few outstanding players. "Cathy had a really good game," said McMullen. "She pulled through and showed her potential. Jessica Arnold is always consistent and is the leader on the team. Joan Gandolf was magnificent on the boards. The Ithaca game gave them confidence and with this confidence, they'll get better and better."

Gandolf also praised the team saying, "Everyone had a great game, especially the defense. Our offense came

The Patriots' next game is Thursday night at 6 pm as they host Division II Dowling College in the Indoor Sports complex.

Prior to this win, the Patriots suffered a disappointing 81-69 loss to Ithaca College by being outscored in the second half, 45-33 after an exciting rally to tie the score at halftime.

Although the Patriots were down by nine points in the first 15 minutes of the game, they battled back to outscore Ithaca 15-7 in the final five minutes of the first half. Arnold hit both ends of a one-and-one and nailed a three-pointer in that short period of time. Douglas went four-for-four from the line and freshman Andrea Lee tied the game at 36 when

she hit a jumper with less than one second remaining.

Ithaca scored first in the second half but Arnold tied it up with a jumper from the top of the key. Ithaca scored again but Barry stole an in-bound pass and made an easy lay-up to even the score at 40.

After this comeback by Barry, Ithaca took control of the game for the next 10 minutes and allowed Stony Brook only 10 points to their 23. In the final eight minutes, however, Stony Brook made another comeback, scoring 19 points. Gandolf paced the way with seven of her team-

Gandolf also hauled down a game-high 18 boards and Arnold added 18 points. Freshman Shannon Hunt contributed eight points, while Barry and Douglas each added

Head Coach Dec McMullen was impressed with his team's performance, despite the loss. "We played a very good game," said McMullen. "We haven't played good teams and stayed with them so well. We'll use this game as a stepping stone. They got confidence in themselves and I was very pleased."

Barry also felt the team played well and noted that the team "played excellent defense." She also added "we made a lot of mental mistakes, both offensively and

"We started out slow in the first half," said Arnold. "If we bring intensity into the game at the very beginning, we'll do very well."

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