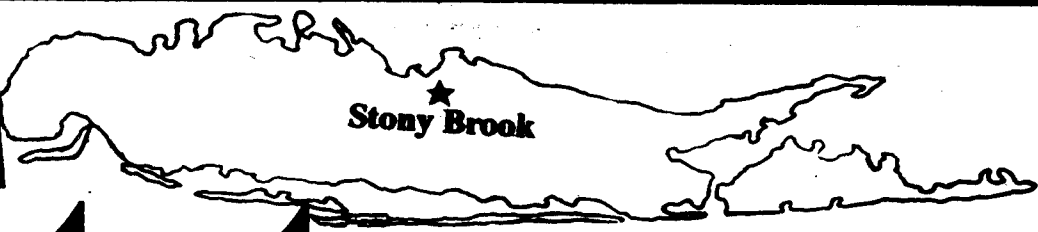


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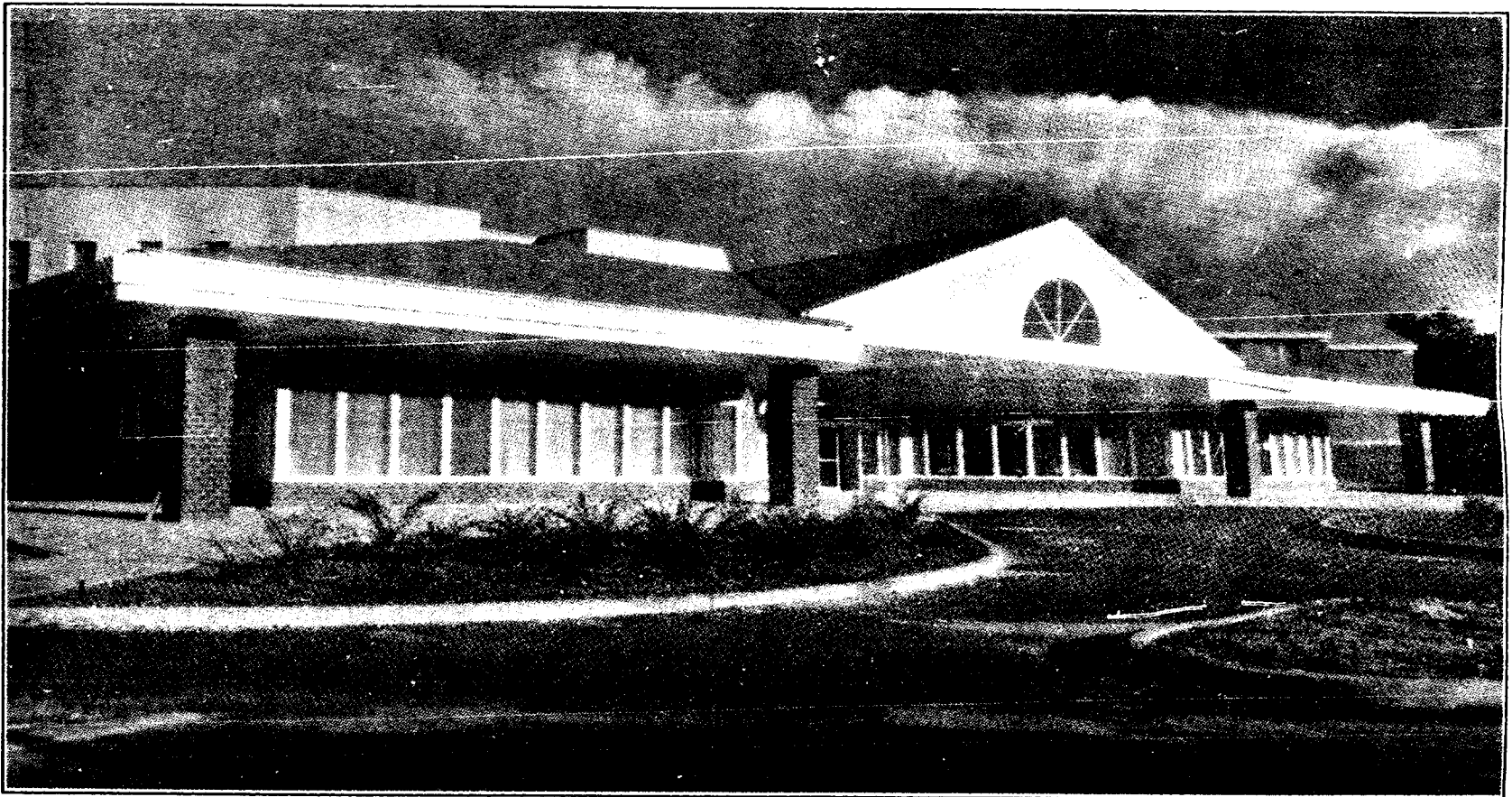
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The new Long Island State Veterans Home, located on the East Campus near University Hospital.

University Photo

## State Probes New Vets Home

*Health Department investigates conditions after patients' complaints*

By Scott Joachim  
Statesman Staff Writer

**T**HE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS investigating the new Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook following several complaints of health violations by patients at the center.

Health Department officials inspected the \$25 million veterans home last Tuesday, but the results will not be released for at least three weeks, said Vicki Zeldin, a Health Department spokeswoman.

### University Denies Probe

University spokesman Dan Forbush denied any correlation between the inspection and health conditions at the three month-old veterans home, referring to the state's activity as "routine and necessary only for recertification."

But the Health Department said a recent viral

outbreak among several patients at the home prompted the investigation.

### Personnel Reorganized

The inspection came one day after Dr. J. Howard Oaks, vice president for health sciences, announced the reorganization of executive personnel at the veterans home. Changes include the replacement of Veterans Home Administrator Irwin Lamm by former Assistant Administrator Joseph Lapietra, and the assignment of Virgelene Bowie, former associate director of nursing, as acting director of nurses in place of Ann Duncan. "I

think that Dr. Oaks felt that this is the time to move toward stronger leadership in the home," Forbush said.

### Home Plans Upgrade

The restructuring of the center is part of a plan to upgrade the center from its current capacity of 60 residents to 120 residents, according to a university report. Oaks also appointed an ad hoc committee to make recommendations for improving conditions at the home.

Oaks and Bowie were unavailable for comment, but Bowie met with the Department of Health late Friday, according to a spokeswoman in Bowie's office.

The Long Island State Veterans Home, located within the East Campus near University Hospital, is the first nursing home in the country to be integrated within a university. Costing over \$25 million for its construction, the home was unveiled last October as a nursing facility for veterans over 65.

Results of last week's inspection will not be available for at least three weeks.

# Intersession burglaries plague campus

Public Safety received more than 50 reports of burglaries during the intersession break in what the department called a "mild" season of crime compared with past years on campus.

Among the students hit the worst was a Langmuir College resident whose Macintosh SE 30, Sony compact disc player, Panasonic microwave and 20 CDs were stolen during the break. Public Safety estimated the loss at \$4,610.

Electronic equipment worth about \$1,840 was stolen from a room in Keller College during the intersession, including a Sony television and a Panasonic stereo system.

The break also claimed more than \$1,275 of a Toscanini College resident's stereo and electronic equipment. The student, who noticed the items missing Jan. 23, last saw the equipment Jan. 10.

A Gray College resident reported the loss of more than \$700 worth of electronic equipment after returning from the break. Stolen were a Magnavox CD player and a \$500 CD collection.

A Toscanini College resident Jan. 26 noticed \$500 worth of electronic equipment stolen, including a 20-inch TV, a VCR and a stereo.

No one has been arrested in connection with these or other campus burglaries during the intersession break. No forced entry was reported in any of the larger burglaries, Public Safety said.

A string of eight burglaries was reported by Hand College residents Tuesday at about 11 pm. The thefts — which all occurred within 25 minutes — claimed \$540 worth of items from four suite rooms. Included in the stolen items were more than 10 textbooks. No one was arrested.

A \$1200 mountain bike was stolen from a bicycle rack outside the H-Quad cafeteria Tuesday at about 8 pm. The bike was locked by a chain — which the

thieves apparently clipped — to the bike rack. No one was arrested.

Another mountain bike worth about \$600 was stolen from a rack in front of the Indoor Sports Complex at about 8 pm Tuesday. No one was arrested.

A Chapin Apartment resident complained she was sexually harassed by a guest of another Chapin resident Monday at about 7:30 pm. The man, who was apparently a student's boyfriend, asked another student for sex. When she refused, he allegedly grabbed her breasts and harassed her. The student did not press charges.

Public Safety detectives arrested a suspect in connection with several forged checks written to the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on campus Jan. 21. Paula Datesh of New York City, a non-student who was transported to the Fourth Precinct for questioning, has an extensive record in related crimes, according to Public Safety.

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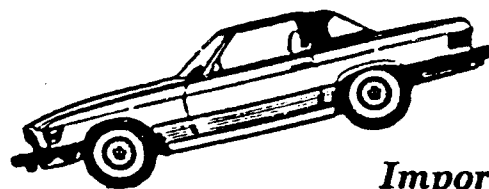
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# Construction of incubator project begins

By Raymond Iryami and Scott Joachim  
Statesman Staff Writers

Construction began this month on a \$5 million incubator complex on the East Campus, part of a network that will allow the university to assist new companies specializing in the technological sciences.

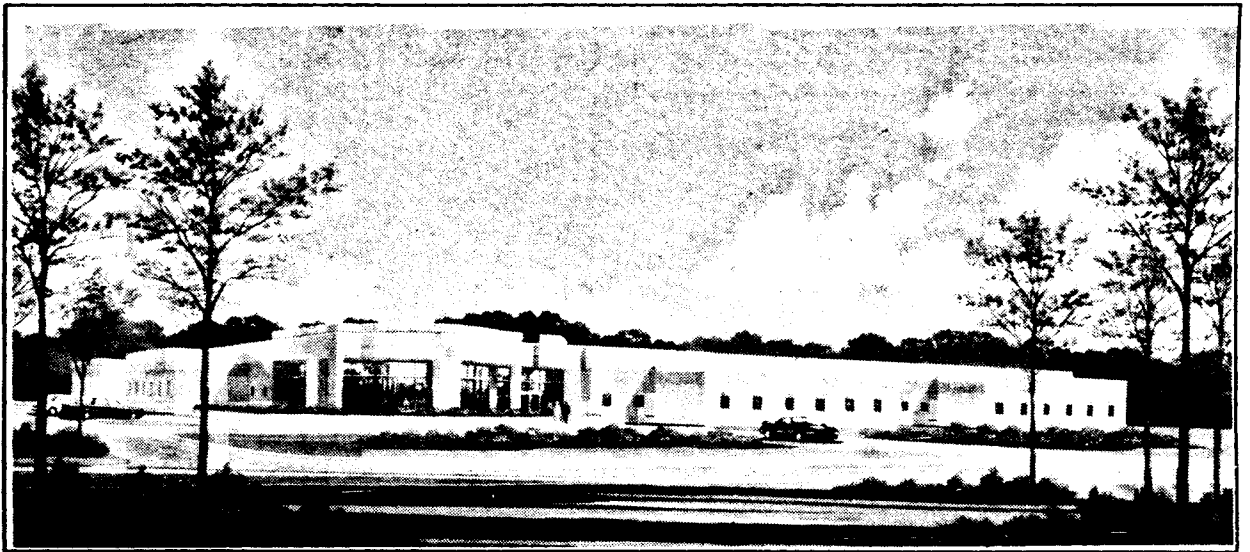
The Long Island High Technology Incubator, aimed at completion by September of this year, will bring recognition and benefit to the university as well as assisting the Long Island economy, said Carl Hanes, deputy to the president for special projects. The facility, which broke ground Jan. 17, is intended to give an opportunity for new companies to perform their research in a cost-effective manner, he said. The revenue from rent alone could be close to \$500,000 per year for the university, Hanes projected.

Providing reasonable rent, business and marketing assistance, and specializing equipment, the incubator is expected to produce a 70 percent success rate for start-up companies, said the university.

According to Tom Tyson, associate director of the Career Development Center, the operation could be a source of jobs for university and alumni for the future. "Obviously, for graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in the field of life sciences, this provides an opportunity for more jobs," he said. An estimated 100 jobs would be created in the first year, according to Hanes.

"The concept of a high technology incubator is a good one to invest in during a recessionary period," said University President John Marburger. "This is one of the ways the university can actually do something about the recession."

The incubator will provide space for as many as 30 small start-up companies especially suited for major development on Long Island, as estimated by the Long Island and New York State's strategic economic planning board.



Artist's rendition of the incubator after construction.

In addition to the implementation of new jobs, the university can expect to see long term advantages, said Hanes. "If a good relations is established between the university and these research groups now, they may want to provide [financial] contributions to the university in the future."

The project will be funded by a combination of grants and low-interest loans, according to university spokeswoman Vicky Katz.

The incubator facility will be overseen by the Long Island High Technology Incubator, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation chaired by Marburger.

The contract for another project headed by Hanes, the construction of a new power plant to run the campus, is expected to be completed and signed before the end of February, Hanes said.

*"For graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in the field of life sciences, this provides an opportunity for more jobs."*

— Carl Hanes, deputy to the president for special projects



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# Fire chief wasn't warned of nuke presence

By Eric F. Coppelino  
Student Leader News Service

**NEW PALTZ** — The New Paltz fire chief said college officials have never warned him about a nuclear device on campus that, if involved in a fire, would emit plumes of thick, radioactive smoke.

The device, called a plutonium-beryllium howitzer, is located underground next to the Wooster Science building.

Sources say it contains about five grams of weapons grade plutonium, insulated by more than 500 pounds of oil-based paraffin wax. Dozens of other radioactive devices are stored in the same vault.

The machine is called a "howitzer" because it's used to bombard things with radiation.

"I didn't know that was there," said Fire Chief Steve Vacarro, when asked by *Student Leader News Service* whether he had ever been told about it. Vacarro said he would contact the college to find out more about the device, and safety plans for it, this week.

#### 1950 Government model

The howitzer, a 1950 model made by the Atomic Energy Commission, is used primarily for experimentation by physics students and faculty members.

The presence of the howitzer of campus has long been a concern of Peter Shipley of the University Fiscal Action Committee, who says it should be removed immediately because it's a serious danger to the community.

Shipley, a former volunteer fire chief in the town of Wallkill, said the combination of burning wax and plutonium would create a "mini-Chernobyl," possibly requiring evacuation of the town. Evacuation was almost required in the recent PCB fires, and would have been started had the prevailing winds been blowing toward homes.

Plutonium, one of the deadliest substances known to man, is a primary ingredient in an atomic bomb. Shipley

said it's his understanding that five grams of plutonium, if mishandled, could kill a person exposed to it in a matter of minutes.

#### 'Assumed they Knew'

Prof. Donald Walker of the Physics Department, who is the College's radiation safety officer, said he believed a fire involving the howitzer is unlikely, but also said the fire department should have known the device was on campus.

"I've always assumed that everyone knew about it," Walker said Monday.

Walker said the state's fire inspection report of the campus is filed as a matter

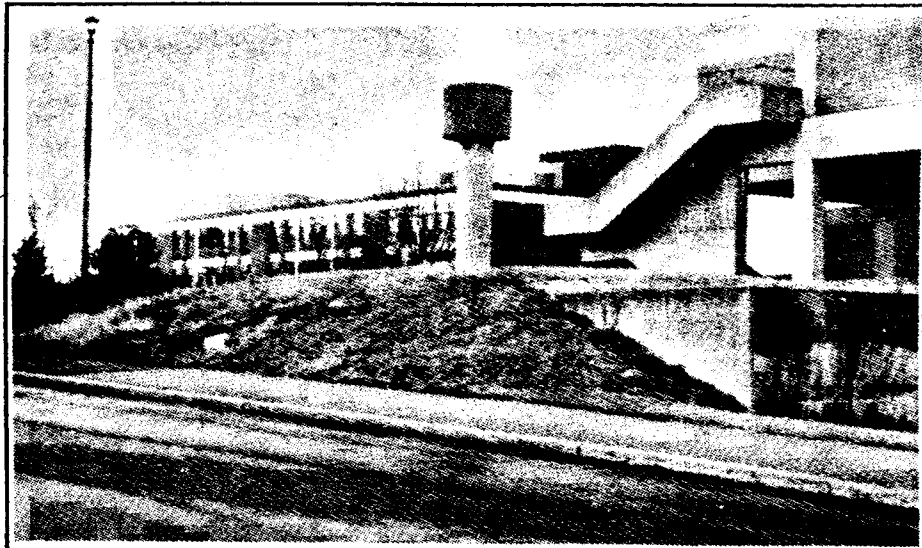
of routine procedure with the local fire department every year, and it's through that report which lists the college's fire code violations and other findings, that the fire department should have known about the existence of the howitzer.

Vacarro, however, said that the report is an inch-and-a-half thick, and said this didn't count as being notified by the college.

And Shipley, who, as a former chief is familiar with state fire procedures, said the howitzer didn't even have to be mentioned in the inspection report.

#### Safety Officer Didn't Know

Peter Betley, the College's coordinator of environmental health and safety, said that the fire department should have a record of the machine's existence in its files.



Student Leader Photo

Beneath this mound of earth on the New Paltz campus is a 1950 model plutonium beryllium howitzer containing 5 grams of weapons-grade plutonium.

However, Betley said he didn't even know that the howitzer contained plutonium, which, unlike many other radioactive substances, requires special permits from the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Betley then said he was certain that Vacarro's predecessor as fire chief knew about the howitzer, and blamed the fact that Vacarro is a relatively new fire chief for his not knowing about it. Vacarro has served for about two years.

"It was kept secret," Shipley countered. "I went 'round and 'round for years with the college. They don't want anyone to know this thing is here."

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STONY BROOK STATESMAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1992

# Fire chief wasn't warned of New Paltz nuke

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ShIPLEY said he had personally discussed the fact that the howitzer contained plutonium with Betley and many other college administrators, who strongly resisted giving him any information.

ShIPLEY had to use the Freedom of Information Act to force the college to open its files.

### Safety Violations Discovered

ShIPLEY said his committee began looking at the college's nuclear program when he received reports of irradiated animal carcasses being left in open laboratories and unshielded metal cabinets.

ShIPLEY said that after complaining, the college was forced to remove the dead animals, which included frogs, mice, rats and rabbits, to a nuclear waste dump in South Carolina, at a cost of \$5,000.

ShIPLEY said that after viewing pages of college records, he learned that more 15 different radiation sources were taken to the dump in the same trip.

He also learned that the animals and other nuclear waste products were sent back to the college because disposal procedures had not been followed; and that they were re-packed and sent again.

Approximately a year later, ShIPLEY said he received a complaint from a janitor who was concerned that he was being ordered to put radioactive waste in college dumpsters. Doing further investigation on the college's nuclear program, he personally saw packages full plastic marked "radioactive" in dumpsters.

The college claimed that they were empty packages, though the NRC ruled that even empty containers can't be thrown in dumpsters.

### Janitor Exposed

ShIPLEY said he was also aware of another janitor who accidentally looked inside the port of the howitzer and then became ill for several months with a blood disorder.

ShIPLEY said that he was also aware the vault door was being held open with a rock, which he said is documented in a photograph in the Oracle. He also discovered that many people had the key to the vault. Only two people—the Radiation Safety Officer and his assistant are supposed to have the key.

Walker, the radiation safety officer, denied that there had ever been any safety violations by the college. Walker also claimed the door to the vault was never left open, and the janitors never go inside the vault because its a restricted area.

But ShIPLEY said the policy was put into effect only after he "raised hell" with the college. ShIPLEY also demanded that the room be equipped with an intrusion alarm which it now is.

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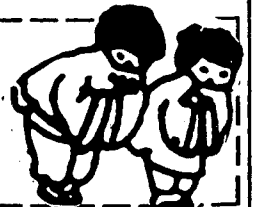
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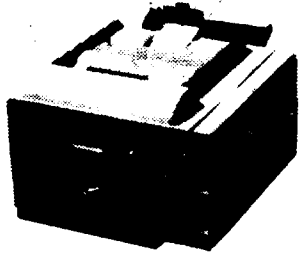
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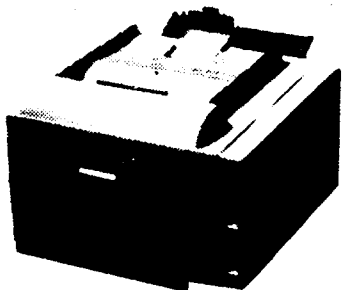
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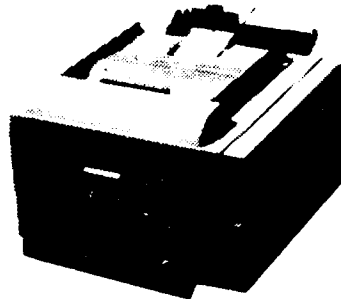


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# Hear Ye, Hear Ye: There's a Pain in My Ear

**E**AR PAIN IS ONE OF THE most common concerns that causes patients to seek medical attention. Known by the medical terms "otalgia," ear pain is caused by a wide variety of disorders. Some types of otalgia are not caused by any direct problem in the ear itself, and in fact, may be referred from another site in the head, neck or throat. Tonsillitis, temporal mandibular joint disorder (TMJ) and infected teeth are just a few examples of medical disorders that may cause a patient to experience ear pain.

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Examination of the auditory canal with an otoscope usually reveals a reddened, swollen canal and white or yellowish discharge.

Treatment of swimmer's ear includes the cleansing of the canal with removal of any debris or discharge and the use of antibiotic ear drops. It is also advisable to avoid getting water in the affected ear during the time period of treatment.

### Acute Otitis Media

Acute Otitis Media (AOM) is an infection of the middle ear. The middle ear is that portion of the ear's anatomy that houses three small bones, the hammer, anvil and stirrup, as well as many important nerves and blood vessels. The middle ear is bounded by the tympanic membrane and the cochlea, and this area of the ear is connected by a tube to the nose and throat.

It is estimated that almost half of the people in the U.S. will experience AOM in their lifetime, especially during childhood. The majority of cases are caused by different types of bacteria, but in about 30 percent of the cases, viruses are believed to be the causative agent. AOM is more common in the winter months and often occurs with or follows an upper respiratory infection.

Symptoms include ear pain which may be severe at time, and may be accompanied by a fever, a feeling of blockage or pressure in the ears and hearing impairment.

Examination of the ear with an otoscope usually reveals a very reddened, sometimes bulging eardrum. If the eardrum ruptures, the pain may resolve spontaneously, and discharge may be seen in the canal.

The hallmark of treatment for this condition includes the use of oral antibiotics for a 10-day period. Occasionally, a decongestant may be added. It is important to follow up with a medical evaluation at the end of the treatment to assure that the infection has been cleared.

Finally, the old adage, "The only thing that you should put in your ear is your elbow," is good advice, especially when otalgia or any unusual sensation in the ear is present. Of course any ear pain that is persistent, accompanied by a fever, hearing impairment, discharge and/or accompanied by dizziness should never be ignored and prompt medical attention should be sought.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this topic, or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact or visit the Student Health Service.

Two of the most common causes of otalgia are infections that can be present in the auditory canal and middle ear. The auditory canal is the structure responsible for conducting sound waves from the outside of the tympanic membrane (eardrum). In addition, sebaceous glands in the ear canal produce ear wax (cerumen) that has an acid pH. Cerumen acts as protective barrier and inhibits the growth of most bacteria and fungi in the canal.

### Acute Otitis Externa (swimmer's ear)

Acute Otitis Externa (AOE) is an inflammation or infection of the skin lining the auditory canal. Most commonly, AOE is caused by bacteria, but can also be caused by fungi in some instances. Certain factors such as diabetes and trauma to the skin of the ear canal (frequently occurring with the use of a cotton swab, hairpin or fingernail used to clean the auditory canal) can predispose a patient to AOE.

By far, the most common cause of AOE is a bacterial infection of the canal's skin lining. This is attributed to the removal or dissolution of the protective barrier of the ear wax due to excessive bathing or swimming, hence the term swimmer's ear.

Symptoms of AOE can range from mild itching to severe ear pain in and around the ear. The pain may worsen with opening and closing the jaw, pulling on the outside of the ear, or pushing on the fleshy portion of skin that covers the entrance to the auditory canal. Frequently, patients may also report yellowish or white drainage from the ear canal.

*This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and the Faculty Student Association. Diane L. Stadtmiller, RPAC, is a physician assistant at the Student Health Service and is a graduate of the SUNY Stony Brook Physician Assistant Program.*

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**JANUARY 27:** First day to pick up application for LINE BUDGET for 1992-93 academic year.

**JANUARY 29:** INFORMATION SESSION - 8:00 PM Student Union Room 237.

**FEBRUARY 3:** All applications are due in the Polity Suite by 5:00 PM. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

*\*\*Reminder: Schedule appointment for hearing with your respective committee for application review. 1\*\**

**FEBRUARY 3-7:** All applications will be reviewed. Any organization that submits an application that is unclear for any reason will be given until February 7 to re-submit it. If a budget hearing is necessary, the club/organization will have to schedule an appointment with their respective budget subcommittee or said will contact the club/organization by February 7.

**FEBRUARY 5:** INFORMATION SESSION - 8:00 PM Student Union Room 237.

**FEBRUARY 10-21:** Budget subcommittees convene for budget hearings.

Student Council proposes the Polity Administrative Budget by February 21.

**FEBRUARY 26:** Budget subcommittees submit their recommendations on clubs or organizations no later than this date.

**MARCH 2:** Budget Committee prepares budget proposal.

**MARCH 11:** Student Council review, revision, and amendment of budget.

Senate sets procedures for budget hearings for those clubs/organizations that are to come to the Senate before it finalizes the budget.

**MARCH 18:** Senate review, revision, and amendment of budget.

**MARCH 25:** Budget is sent to the Senate for final approval.

**APRIL 8:** Senate Adhoc Subcommittee is convened to take over and completes budget process.

*1It is not mandatory that you schedule a meeting with your respective committee. If you have any questions concerning the application you may contact The Office of the Treasurer. If the committee has any questions concerning your application they or the Treasurer may mandate that you meet with that committee.*

ONLY CLUBS THAT ARE PRESENTLY LINE BUDGET OR RECOGNIZED BY PSC PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS QUALIFY FOR A LINE BUDGET FOR 1992-93.

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RE: General Information

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Firstly, for those of you who had questions about when the budget process would begin, it kicks off today. I will try and be available for any questions that you may have about specifics.

My plans are to increase the number of hours that my assistants and I will be available for the first couple of weeks to assist as much as possible.

Secondly, my office is always seeking ways in which to effectively meet your needs while being time efficient. Often the priorities of being a student dictates that we make adjustments to our schedule. When we have to make these type of adjustments it cuts down on the time that we are accessible to you. However, we are constantly trying to find ways to assist so we are asking you to be patient. We would also like to thank you for your support and understanding.

Finally, I hope that this is a good year for all of you. If I can help you in any way, feel free to contact me at 632-6460.



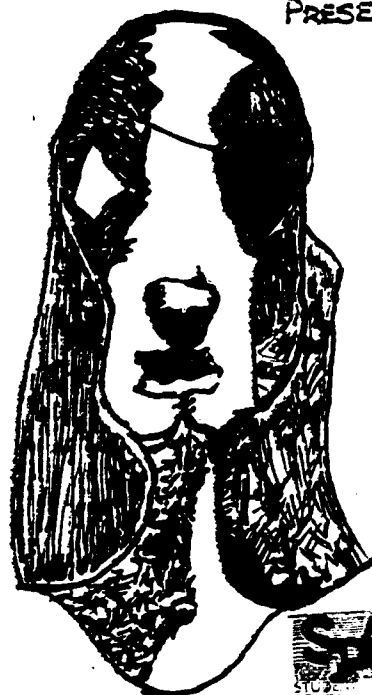
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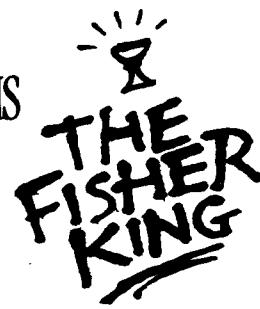


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## Editorial

# Expansion During a Budget Mess?

It's undeniable. The SUNY system is smack in the middle of the worst fiscal crisis of its brief history. Layoffs, closings, reduced course offerings, well qualified wait-listed students. With all these problems how can we rectify our situation?

How about spending millions of dollars building? Good idea.

Sounds crazy, but that's exactly what has been happening. Within the past four semesters we have seen on this campus the erection of the \$17 million Indoor Sports Complex, a \$25 million veteran's home and we are in the middle of constructing a \$5 million incubator. Not to mention the plan that will be unveiled next month to build a new campus power plant.

What's going on here?

Sure, it's true that the money spent for all these endeavors comes from an entirely different state budget than the one that we have available for our education services.

At least that's what the administrators tell us.

But as far as the student who can't get into the class necessary for graduation is concerned, there's a problem.

A buck is a buck. If the State Legislature has the power to move these funds where they will benefit the students the most, right here and now, it is ridiculous that it isn't being done.

What is now going towards expansion should be going towards improving what we already have at our disposal. After all, who cares about a brand new, shiny sports complex if the students can't get the education they came here for?

Yes, it's true that each of these buildings is designed for a higher purpose. The sports complex is a potential stepping stone for the plans for Division I sports at the university. The vet's home is a humanitarian endeavor, and the incubator will hopefully open a host

of new technology and economic improvement for the campus and Long Island. But looking at these long-term effects while ignoring the immediate problems isn't just irresponsible — it's unforgivable.

What we should be doing, however, is concentrating on improving what we already have. Buildings all over campus are crashing down around us, literally. It is more commonplace now to see decrepit buildings crumbling to pieces on this campus than the bright, sparkling constructs for which our administration wants praise. The Indoor Sports Complex, for all its gloss and glory, is sorely out of place on this campus where deterioration has become a trademark.

As far as the administration is concerned, silence is compliance. We can't sit back and accept this in silence. After all, the expansion does us no good if there is no one left to reap the benefits of the expenditures.

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## Letters

### Students First, Not Complex

#### To the Editor:

Recently, the administration has stated that graduation will be held indoors. They gave the very believable explanation that this was to save money in a time of budget crisis. This will allow a graduating student to bring two guests with them. As a sort of condolence to friends and family, they'll have the graduation played on a large screen TV. I can tell Dr. Marburger hasn't been reading Emily Post lately. Very tactful, Jack.

So, while we save \$11,000 to have a graduation in a newly opened \$11,000,000 gymnasium and scalpers selling tickets for \$100 a pop, we'll have families crowding around the ol' closed circuit.

Could this just be a way to show off that before-mentioned gymnasium? Nah! That would mean that the administration is putting their needs ahead of the students again. Never happens. I realize that bureaucracy can get ludicrous at times, but we have just hit the fine border of disgust.

Vincent Bruzzese  
Polity senator

### NYPIRG's Spring Agenda

#### To the Editor:

This semester the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) plans to continue its fight for a cleaner environment, consumer protections, students rights and a more just society. By working with NYPIRG, Stony Brook students are able to bring about specific changes in the New York State legislature and

at the local level. These are some of the issues NYPIRG at Stony Brook will be working on this semester:

#### Environmental Preservation

New York State is drowning in a sea of garbage that, through landfilling and mass burn incineration, pollutes our environment and threatens our health. We will lobby at the state and local level for the passage of legislation to strictly limit the use of excess packaging which accounts for one third of our waste stream.

#### Standardized Testing Reform

Standardized tests are a basic part of the American educational system. Yet these test have been proven to display gender, racial and economic biases. NYPIRG is working to eliminate their use in kindergarten through second-grade and have them replaced with fairer and more reliable authentic assessment evaluations.

#### Small Claims Court Action Center

The Small Claims Court Action Center helps student and community members use the Small Claims Court system to protect themselves when they have been ripped off. Students are trained in the courts processes and how to advise clients to file a claim and collect a judgment.

#### Funding for Higher Education

SUNY Stony Brook tuition keeps rising and at the same time cuts to SUNY Stony Brook's budget damages the quality of the education Stony Brook students receive. This semester NYPIRG will work to freeze tuition and prevent further cuts to the SUNY budget.

#### Voter Registration

Only 30 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 24 are registered to vote. Because students do not vote, their voices are often ignored when decisions are made in local, state and national government. NYPIRG

is working to change that by registering students to vote across New York State.

#### James Bay II

The James Bay hydroelectric project in Canada, if completed, will flood an area the size of Lake Erie and irreversibly damage the ecology of a territory three times the size of New York State. NYPIRG is working to stop construction of James Bay II.

#### Suffolk County Watch

This semester NYPIRG will be publishing a citizen's guide to the Suffolk County Legislature. This guide will inform citizens about the structure of County government, how the legislative process works and how citizens can work to influence the legislative process.

#### Tax Reform

Every year many property tax owners are over assessed thousands of dollars on their property taxes. This semester NYPIRG will be researching and publishing a report examining property tax assessment inequities in the town of Brookhaven.

By working with NYPIRG staff and other students on these and other issues, students are able to learn lobbying, media and grassroots organizational skills. If you would like to work with NYPIRG this semester, on any of these issues, I urge you to attend NYPIRG's General Interest meeting February 12 at 1 pm in Union room 236. If you can't attend the General Interest Meeting but would like to find out more about NYPIRG call the NYPIRG office at 2-6457 or stop by in Union room 079.

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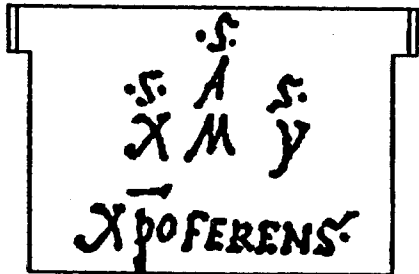
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## WINNERS!

Freshman Cathy Lebid (middle), Senior Phil Downing (right) and junior Stacy Miller (left) won the fan free throw event before the Patriots men's basketball game against Mt. St. Vincent's Monday night.

The mascot, senior Ruthie Ginsberg, won for best spirit.

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## Simonds, as always, shines

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Fordham which included four tie-breakers."

Having achieved many of his personal performance goals, Simonds has refocused his sight on more team-oriented goals. "I want to lead this team to the 'B' Nationals which is reserved for those teams ranked 11th through 18th in the nation at the season's end."

Simonds, who aspires to teach squash for a living, doubles as an instructor during practice sessions as he works with the younger players on skills and tactics to help realize the team's goals.

Like Simonds' chances for all-american, the team must come through with key wins against top teams to make the nationals. And if the team continues to mirror Simonds' success as they have all season, count on seeing the Patriots at Yale in three weeks for the team nationals.

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# Hard work pays off for the Patriots

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Gandolf led the Pats with 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Douglas contributed 13 points and five steals in the victory. Freshman Shannon Hunt and Bascom added nine and seven points respectively.

"It was a high-pressure game," said Head Coach Dec McMullen after the win, "but they hung in tough and didn't fold . . . They stuck in there."

Assistant coach John Horst felt that the team deserved the win. "It's a reward for the way they play," Horst said. "They practiced hard because it was a badly needed win."

Barry attributed the team's performance on the court to its relationship off the court. "We're finally putting it all together," said Barry, who felt the Albany trip helped the team to mesh. "After the road trip, we became closer as a team."

*"It was a high-pressure game, but they hung in tough and didn't fold."*

— USB Coach Dec McMullen

The Patriots resume action Saturday afternoon at 3 pm when they face Cortland College in the Sports Complex.

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Although the Pats lost in the consolation round of the Albany Invitational, 74-70 against Norwich Sunday, McMullen was happy with the team's performance.

"That was the best game we played in years," McMullen said. "And everybody knew it."

Barry, who was starting in place of injured Jessica Arnold, poured in a team-high 16 points. She also had eight rebounds and four steals.

Gandolf, who was named to the All-Tournament team, added 14 points and hauled down a game-high 16 boards.

Bascom added 14 points and five steals, while Hunt chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds.

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# No contest for USB against New Paltz

By Susan Rodi  
Statesman Staff Writer

It was pay-back time as the Stony Brook men's swim team defeated New Paltz Saturday after three years of fruitless tries.

Junior Mark Palagiano, one of the team's captains, led the way with a first-place finish in the 1,000-yard freestyle and said, "It was a good meet all around."

The Patriots captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle as junior Brian Seeley clocked in at 21.98 seconds.

"New Paltz had some strong front-line swimmers," said Palagiano, "but they had no depth." On the other hand, the Patriots boasted their depth chart.

In the 200-yard freestyle, senior Frank Rubenbauer, freshman Larry Sullivan — who also won the 500-yard freestyle — and freshman Scott Mitchell took second, third and fourth respectively. Similarly, in the 100-yard freestyle, freshman Joe Whelan, Seeley and sophomore Zack Buck finished second to fourth. And in the 200-yard breaststroke, sophomores Joe Morawski and William Mullen earned second and third respectively, while freshman Sean Muzzy finished fourth.

"It came down to depth and we beat them with depth," said Palagiano.

The talented divers didn't allow themselves to be bested by the swimmers as they swept both diving events since New Paltz could not produce any divers of its own. Dan Tesone, who according to assistant coach Rob Seidler "is diving very well," earned first place in the one and three-meter competitions. Larry Sawyer and Mike Tuccio followed him with second and third place finishes in both events.

"This meet against New Paltz really kind of was the turning point of the season," said senior captain Rubenbauer. "It determined whether we'd have a winning season or a losing season."

"I think it's just an all around team effort," added Palagiano.

"It was just a total team victory," Seidler concluded.

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Other great performances were turned in by junior Jim Caldrony in the 200-yard backstroke and senior Mike Defina in the 200-yard butterfly.



Brian Seeley swims freestyle during intersession break.

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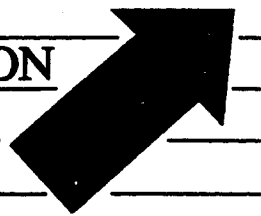


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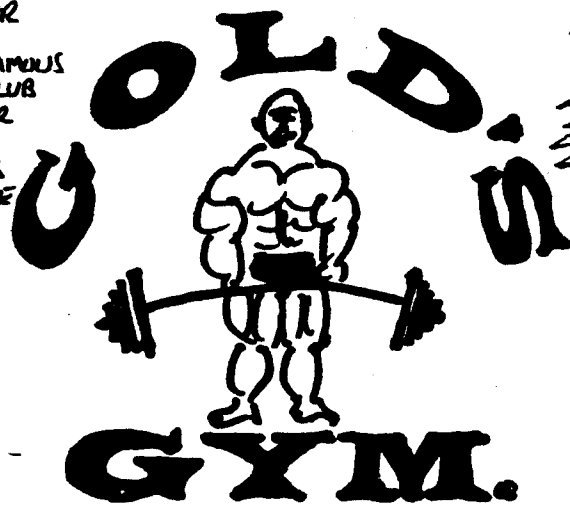
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# Women are ready for redemption

By Brian Duffy  
Statesman Staff Writer

The spring of 1992 is a time to look forward to for members of the women's soccer team will try to redeem itself from a disappointing season last fall.

"Expectations are high," says team captain Heather Lavery. Co-captain Denise Laviola adds, "Suffering through close losses, the team's objective is to prove a lot to our fans, coaches and ourselves."

## Women's Soccer

The squad has a wealth of talent but due to many enduring obstacles, the Patriots never had a chance to develop into a cohesive unit. Head Coach Susan Ryan, in her seventh season, could only watch as injuries put her young team out of contention this fall. And because the squad is made up of mostly young players, the transition from high school style of play to the collegiate level has been a difficult one.

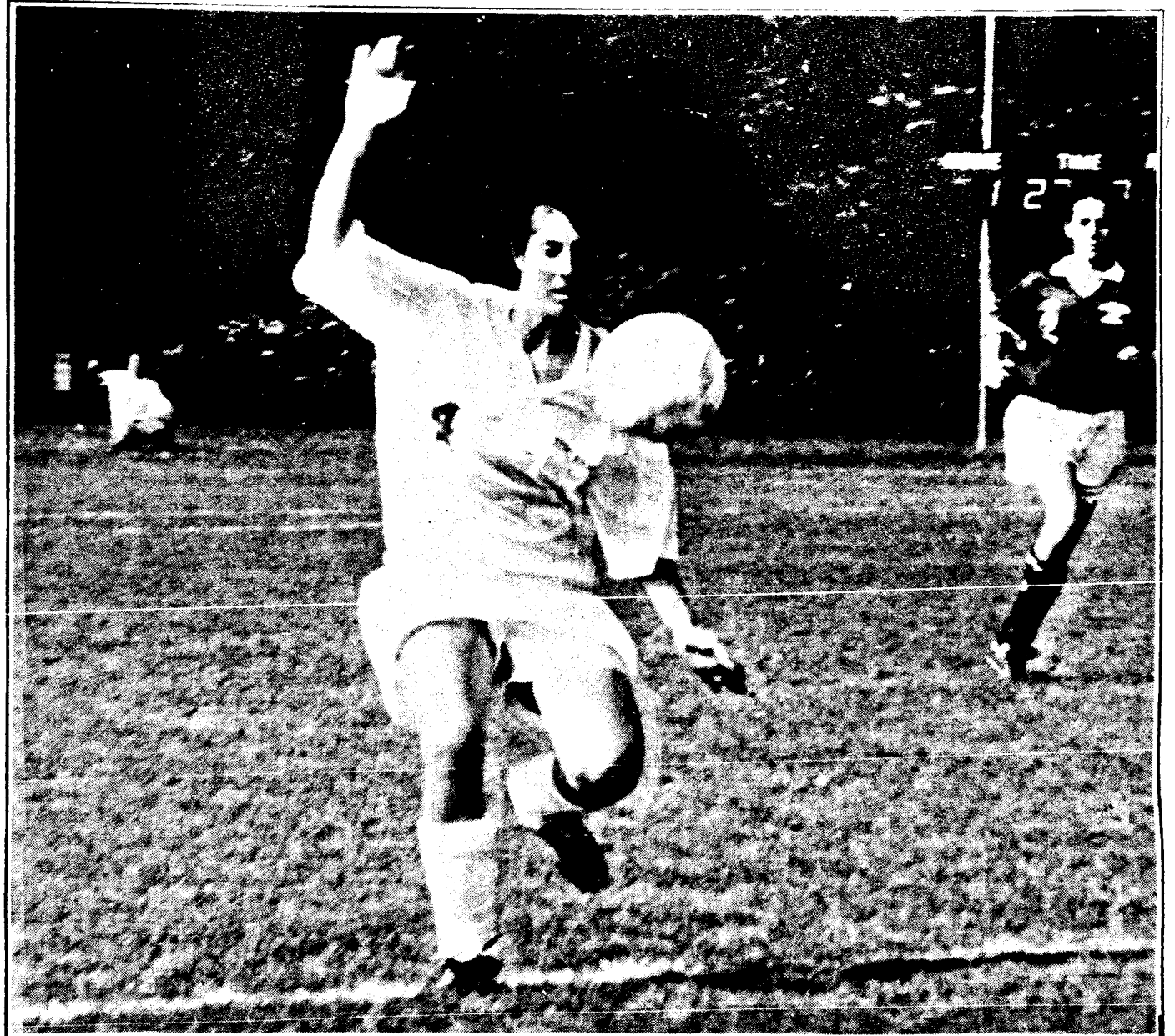
With only two weeks of pre-season time, the fall squad lacked the most crucial part to a successful team. "Experience is the most valuable of teachers," says Laviola.

As the team became more experienced during the season, the one-sided score margins on the scoreboards decreased. "We just ran out of time," says tri-captain Lana Peterson.

Although the fall is considered the significant season for soccer, the spring season is a valuable time for Ryan's team. The Patriots are using this time to prepare for the upcoming 1993 schedule.

Over the course of the spring, the Patriots will be competing against the likes of Boston College, UCONN and participating in several indoor tournaments.

"This spring will give us a chance to use what we learned in the fall, without all the pressure," says Peterson. This in turn should give the team the confidence it needs to be successful.



Heather Lavery demonstrates Division I ball-control last fall.

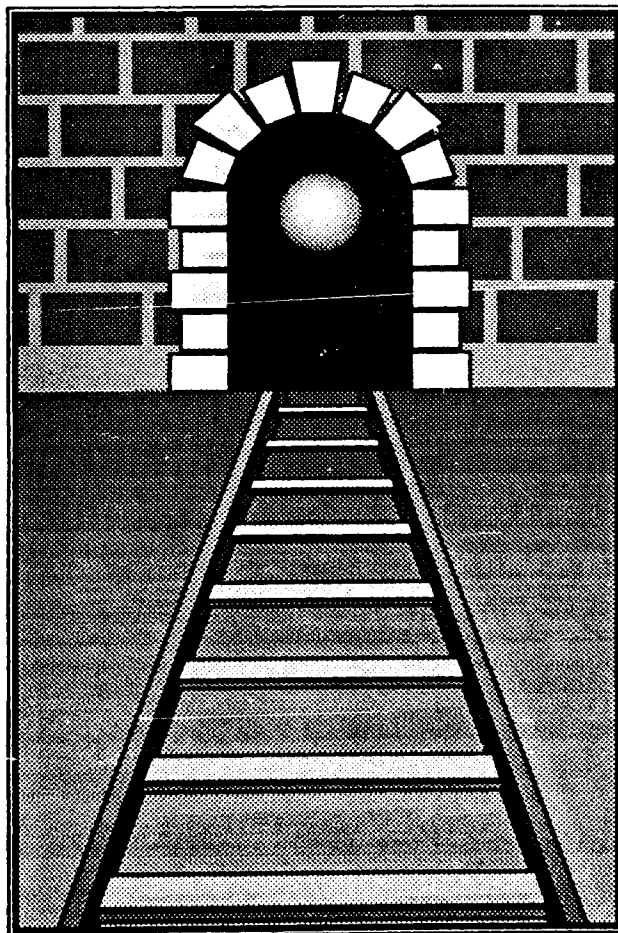
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# Jackson steals moment

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

It wasn't exactly the game of his life, but Monday night in the Sports Complex, Matt Jackson seemed to be the life of the game.

After banking in one of two free throws halfway through the second half in a Patriot victory over Mt. St. Vincent's, Jackson stole the ball from the Dolphins' leading scorer Dan Costello and triggered what became a 15-4 Stony Brook run. "The steals got me going," says the rookie guard, who logged his most significant minutes of the season. "[Monday] night, I was prepared to play. I was happy I made all my shots, but happier to get the victory."

Jackson's sparkling performance was the result of nine years of basketball experience that dates back to the fourth grade. But his 16 minutes of playing time against the Dolphins may have been more due to chance than anything else.

Coming into the contest, the Patriots were without the services of Oliver Bridges, Sean Williams and Brian Mulvey. In stepped Jackson, whose quickness and accuracy allowed him to finish the night with nine points, two better than his season total.

"We've lost players because of circumstances beyond their control," Jackson says. "Coach [Bernard Tomlin] said that since the team was dwindling in number, everyone's going to get an opportunity to play."

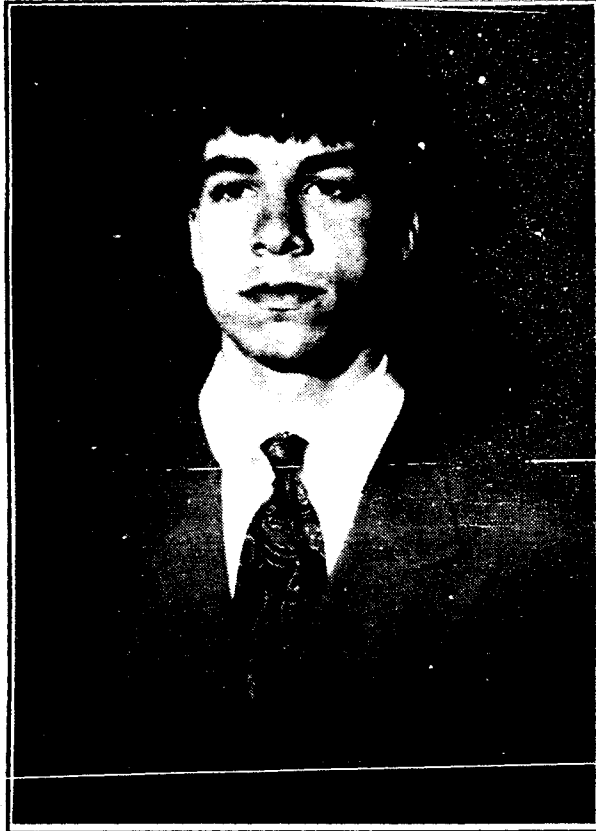
Jackson made the most of his opportunity as he was perfect from three-point territory and was three-for-four from the line. He also contributed three assists and three steals, both game-highs, plus two rebounds.

"Coming on to this team I knew I had to work hard," Jackson says, "because of the reputation Stony Brook basketball had and what types of players there were, especially last year."

Last year, the Patriots won the Skyline Conference and earned a first seed eastern bid to the NCAA tournament. One of the key components of that team was Jackson's older brother, Mike, who served as an assistant coach under then-head Joe Castiglie.

"I looked up to my brother growing up," says the younger Jackson. "He helped me get into basketball."

That Jackson has ties with a former Patriot coach wasn't a big concern for his teammates who have helped him feel like a part of the team. Jackson acknowledges the strength of his fellow Patriots and hopes he can learn from



Matt Jackson

them.

He is most impressed with captain Emeka Smith, whose consistency continues to lead Stony Brook. "Emeka come to play everyday," Jackson says. "He takes everything seriously before game time and the way he plays sets the tone for the rest of the team."

Jackson is quick to ensure fans that he will not sit back and allow the Monday game to do the talking for him. Instead, the self-described pesky 19-year-old promises to improve.

"I'm the small fish in the big pond... and I just want to finish out the semester strong," Jackson says — with an air of assertiveness that seems to indicate that he will.

# Chants lead to Pats win

DEFENSE from back page

they played sluggish ball for most of the game until the 10:00 mark in the second.

Rookie guard Matt Jackson, who came into the game with only seven points for the season, ignited the team to a 15-4 run. Key steals by Jackson and captain Smith would help put the game away for Stony Brook, giving the Patriots a won-lost record of 10-6.

As was his team, Smith was more fired up in the second, scoring 25 of his game-high 30 points. Junior power forward Ricky Wardally contributed 19 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Williams was also in double digits as he collected 14 points, including four-for-four from the foul line

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Forwards Oliver Bridges and Brian Mulvey and guard Sean Williams left the team due to personal reasons.

Prior to this game, transfer Pat Cunningham started three games at center.

475 people were in attendance for the game.

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The Patriots resumed play last night at Kings Point and came away with a 68-56 victory.

Smith led all scorers with 29 points, while adding six assists.

Wardally recorded 16 points and pulled down nine boards.

Lamine also had an outstanding night as he scored nine assists, grabbed 10 rebounds and collected three blocks.

The Patriots will tip-off against CW Post this Saturday with game time scheduled for 7:30 pm.

The Patriots' next home game is Saturday, Feb. 8 against Albany. Tip-off time is set for 7 pm.

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# New year, new events

By Jim Hughes  
Special to Statesman

The Stony Brook Intramural Program welcomes the new semester by introducing the fitness club, aerobics, wallyball and as always the campus life time events.

The fitness club is open to all staff and students. Participants must complete a registration form available at the intramural office which is located in the east wing of the gym. Workouts can include activities like running, swimming, walking, bicycling aerobics, weights and training.

Another way to get in shape or stay that way is to do aerobics. The intramural program is starting an aerobics class on Feb. 17. The class is free and will be held at 6 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in the east wing of the small gym.

A sport new to the university is wallyball. Wallyball is volleyball played in the racquetball courts. Individuals and teams interested in practicing prior to the season can call the intramural office.

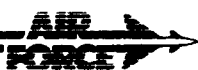
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# Simonds shines on squash court

By Tony McMullen  
Special to Statesman

Will Simonds posted 3-0 wins over top players from Haverford, Bates, Colby, Bowdoin, Connecticut College and Columbia en route to being named VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 20.

Simonds, of Locust Valley, led the Patriots squash team to a 6-2 week, improving their season record to 15-7 and upping his personal record to an impressive 16-6, four victories shy of consecutive 20-win seasons.

The first time Simonds picked up a squash racket was at the age of eight, but it was not until seven years later that Simonds took the game of squash seriously. Having learned the game from his father — a former collegiate squash player at national powerhouse Yale — Simonds has fine tuned his skills to become a top collegiate player

and a candidate for all-american honors. "Will has all the shots," said Head Coach Bob Snider. "But he still has to bring his game up to a higher level to knock off the other all-americans he faces."

The road to all-american candidacy started when, as a freshman, Simonds was selected team MVP based on his 18-6 mark at second singles. It took Simonds another two years to earn the first player position but once he finally achieved that honor in his junior year, Simonds proceeded to break the single-season wins record by compiling a 20-5 mark. Simonds once again earned team MVP honors, but more importantly, he was beginning to build a reputation for himself.

In his senior year, Simonds has faced stiffer competitions since Snider realigned the schedule. "I scheduled a much tougher schedule which includes several national top-10 teams," said Snider. "For Will, it is

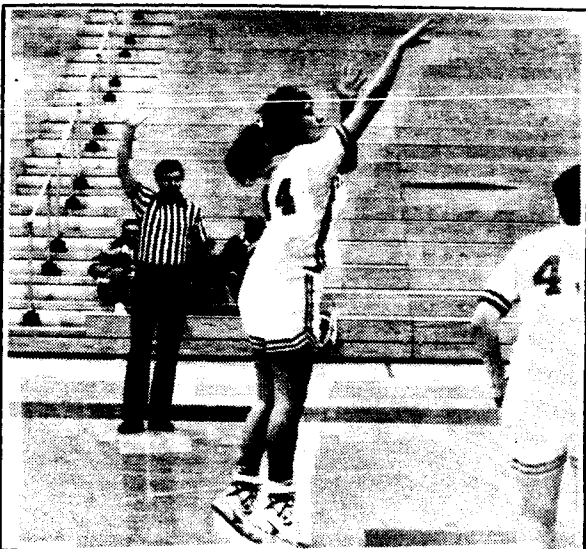
a better opportunity to beat the nation's best."

Currently 16-6 with five matches remaining before team nationals, Simonds realizes he needs to gather some important wins against other elite players to keep his all-american hopes alive. "Instead of playing my best against the top players, my best performances have come against players I am supposed to beat."

Simonds' senior season has had its share of memorable events. Personally, Simonds broke the career wins record as his tally now stands at 69. The previous record was held by all-american Rob Bruno (1988), who amounted 63 wins over his four years. Simonds recalls his season highlights as, "the team beating Cornell, then ranked number eight in the nation, 5-4, and my five game match against rival

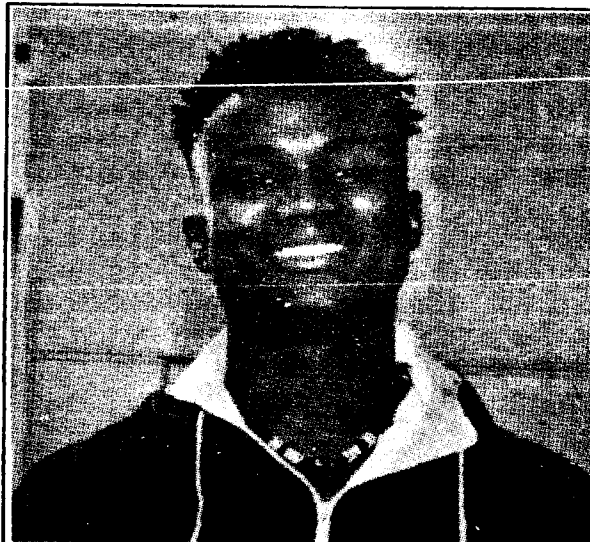


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## Athletes honored over intersession

Over the intersession, three Stony Brook athletes stood out among the rest and were named VIP/Statesman Athletes of the Week.

Joan Gandolf of the women's basketball team averaged over 13 points and more than 16 rebounds en route to being named Athlete of the Week for the week of Dec. 9.

Gandolf led the Patriots to a 2-1 streak that included a university record-setting performance against Adelphi, where she pulled down 24 rebounds.

Anderson Vilien of the men's indoor track team captured two first place medals and was named Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 4.

At a meet versus Coast Guard and MIT, Vilien won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.69 seconds, as well as the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.36 seconds. Both marks qualified him for the ECAC championships to be held March 7.

Emeka Smith of the men's basketball team scored 11 of the Patriots' 15 overtime points to lead his team to an 84-80 extra-session victory at Carnegie-Mellon.

Smith, who was named Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 13, capitalized on five of seven three-point attempts and pulled down nine rebounds to add to his seven assists.

— Sandra B. Carreon

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# Sports

**PATRIOT PLAYS**

**Men's Basketball at CW Post:**  
Saturday, Feb. 1, 7:30 pm.

**Women's Basketball hosts Cortland:** Saturday, Feb. 1, 3 pm.

**Track at Terrier Classic:**  
Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 am.



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Forward Vernard Williams puts a shot over Mt. St. Vincent defender Monday.



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Freshman Kathy Hynes drives into the paint a bucket against West Conn.

# 2 FOR 2

Men's Basketball

Women's Basketball

Patriots: 94  
St. Vincent: 80

Patriots: 57  
NYU: 56

## 'Defense' does it

## Pats out-run NYU

**By Sandra B. Carreon**  
Statesman Sports Editor

The loud chants of "DEFENSE" by a small but boisterous Stony Brook crowd boosted the Patriots men's basketball team to a 94-80 victory Monday night against Mt. St. Vincent's in the Indoor Sports Complex.

After trailing with less than four minutes left in the first half, sophomore small forward Vernard Williams tied the score at 28 with two successful foul shots. When the play went to the Patriots' end, the home crowd — led by a penguin mascot — waved pom-poms to the chorus of "DEFENSE."

It worked as freshman Michel Lamine — who started his first game at the center

position — blocked a Dolphin's attempted shot, triggering a Patriot break. Junior point guard Emeka Smith capitalized on the turnover with an easy lay-up for the go-ahead basket, 30-28, eventually sending both teams to the locker room with a 36-34 Stony Brook advantage.

The Patriots had trailed midway through the first half after the Dolphins went on a 10-1 run, led by freshman guard Ed Peskie's eight points. The lone Patriot point belonged to senior shooting guard Michael Francis, who hit one of his game total 15 points off a free throw.

Although the Patriots were able to come away with a scoring edge in the first,

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**By Aimee Brunelle**  
Statesman Staff Writer

The leads changed hands several times Tuesday night before Stony Brook was able to come away with a satisfying 57-56 victory over New York University in the Indoor Sports Complex.

The Patriots got on the board first with baskets from freshman Kim Douglas and sophomore Joan Gandolf. NYU responded with a basket, but junior Diane Barry hit a jumper and a three-pointer to extend the Stony Brook advantage to 9-2.

NYU began inching its way up and eventually tied the score at 19 with only two-and-a-half minutes to go in the first half. NYU seized the halftime 23-21 lead, scoring the final four points on free throws.

Stony Brook tied the score when freshman Erika Bascom nailed two free throws a minute into the second half. But NYU went on an 8-2 run to lead 31-25.

The Pats chipped away at NYU's lead, tying the contest by 41, 48 and 53 before regaining the edge.

With 52 seconds left in the game and the score tied, Douglas stole the ball at mid-court and made an uncontested lay-up to go up 55-53. NYU had opportunities to tie the score, but failed to make good on their shots.

Gandolf added another basket to lead 57-53 and NYU hit a three-pointer with five seconds remaining for the final one-

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