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Dear _____

As a student at SUNY at Stony Brook I am deeply concerned about the State Budget. Rumor has it that there will be major cuts to SUNY this year and I am very concerned that my ability to continue at Stony Brook is in jeopardy. Will tuition be raised beyond my ability to pay? Will student aid be lowered?

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Form letter that the Coalition to Save Stony Brook handed to students.

By Jason Didner
 Statesman Staff Writer

A GROUP OF STONY BROOK STUDENTS AND STAFF is launching a campaign encouraging members of the campus to sign form letters asking state legislators to condemn cuts to the State Univeristy system.

The campaign, which began Tuesday and will continue through today, was organized by the Campus Coalition to Save Stony Brook in response to Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposed budget, which threatens to slash Stony Brook funding by as much as \$12 million.

At each of the eight locations across campus — where the coalition expects to collect more than 10,000 signatures — coalition members yesterday urged local passers-by to sign the pre-written letter and address it to the state legislators of their choice. "This is the painless way for people to get involved," said Bill Wiesner, assistant vice provost of undergraduate studies and acting treasurer of the United University Professions (UUP), one member group of the coalition.

Weisner said it is urgent that members of the university community submit these letters. "We want to let legislators know that we care about what's going

on," he said.

This is not the first letter-writing campaign of this coalition, which rallied three years ago to encourage 50,000 students, alumni, and staff members to urge state legislators to take the needs of SUNY into account after similar threats to the Stony Brook budget, said UUP President Janet Steins, head of the chemistry library.

"I think we saved jobs back then," Steins said. "There were no retrenchments. There were cuts, but people were not fired."

"When we have a successful campaign, our representatives are behind us," said coalition member Ruth Regan, an employee of the university library. "But if we don't write and tell them how important we think education is, they might think it doesn't matter." Steins said. "We have to make our needs known."

'Please Don't Forget Us'

Letter campaign lobbies against state cuts, tuition hike

"We're the largest employer in Suffolk County," said Wiesner as he solicited signatures at a table in the Student Union lobby. "Our impact on the well-being of Long Island is incredible."

The coalition includes representatives of the UUP, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Graduate Student Organization (GSO).

The letter-writing drive will continue today in the academic mall, hospital, and dormitories until 4 pm. The coalition plans to continue the drive at least another week.

Dinosaur skull, electronics stolen

The theft of a dinosaur skull model from the Earth and Space Science building lecture hall, room 001 was discovered missing last Friday at 6 pm. The skull, valued at \$2,000, weighs 600 pounds and has been in the lecture hall since 1970. Public Safety has no leads so far.

POLICE BLOTTER

A Sanger College resident **William Bongiorno** held a four-inch knife to his suitemate's face after a dispute over ownership of a television cable Tuesday. Public Safety said the incident was part of an ongoing problem of fighting among the suitemates. Although no charges were filed, the incident was referred to the office of student affairs.

A student received stitches in his head after a rock was thrown at him near the Dreiser College parking lot at 11:45 pm Tuesday. No one was arrested or claimed responsibility for the assault.

A billfold containing a credit card and several forms of identification was reported stolen from the O'Neill parking lot at 9 pm, last Saturday. No arrests have been made.

A Dewey College resident reported his room burglarized Sunday at 6:30 pm. His car stereo, speakers and tool box was stolen. The total estimated loss is \$460. The student said he had left his room unlocked when he left to do his laundry. The burglary has not been arrested.

GSO BRIEFS

Senate on budget, arming

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

Graduate Student Organization President Monica McTigue told the graduate senate last night of the state's options during the budget crisis, which may include a \$12 million cut in state aid and an \$800 tuition hike. "Access to higher education should be treated as a basic right," she said.

McTigue encouraged graduate students to submit their concerns and questions regarding the arming of Public Safety officers to the University Safety Council. McTigue, a member of the committee, said: "Most students feel that they will be unsafe if Public Safety carries guns."

Several senators expressed concern over the efficiency of Public Safety. "They haven't even acted as security officers," said former GSO senator John Reifler, "because as we all know, the number one crime [on campus] is theft." The GSO has consistently argued against the arming of Public Safety.

GSO Vice President Dominic Chan said the statewide unionization effort of the Graduate Students Employees Union (GSEU) will be decided in court in May. Although the GSEU won a court battle in October that cleared the way for unionization, the decision was appealed. "If everything goes smoothly, we'll have an election in the fall," he said. The election would allow graduate assistants (GAs) and teaching assistants (TAs) to decide whether they want to be represented by a union.

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— GSO President Monica McTigue

GSO Treasurer Chris Kushmerick told the senate the graduate student government's budget is \$127,000 this year, "down significantly from last semester." An \$1,844 lawyer bill was disputed by several senators and George Bidermann, editor of the graduate newspaper, *GSO News and Blues*.

"Neither the senate nor the executive committee were informed," said Bidermann. The bill was incurred when former GSO President Jane Ely sought legal advice concerning GSO's tax exempt status, which was jeopardized by the organization's funding political advocacy groups such as the Student Association of the State University (SASU) and New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) in 1990, according to John Nolan, former GSO president, who replaced Ely. "... This was done behind closed doors, ..." Nolan said. "[We] never had a chance to voice [our] opinion," said Nolan.

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Polity's faculty evaluations completed

By William Bongiorno
Statesman Staff Writer

A book of students' evaluations of university faculty was completed over the intersession break and will be available to students by April, Polity announced last week.

But the book, which was created to assist students with choosing classes and professors, will be much shorter than Polity announced last December, said Polity President Dan Slepian.

Although Senator Darren Cotten, former chair of the academic affairs committee, told the senate last semester the book would be 500 pages including 20,000 student evaluations, the finished book will be 30 pages, said Aaron Westcott, who was recently appointed to head the project after Cotten transferred colleges.

Low participation at tables set up by Polity to survey students in the academic mall last semester forced the committee to scale down the book, Westcott said. Fewer than 2,000 evaluations were compiled from 400 students.

But despite problems with getting copies from the university of evaluations that students fill out in classes at the end of each semester, the Polity book is still solely the product of students, Westcott said. The data used to compile the publication will be based on student evalua-

tions of instructor and course form.

"[The book] is not to evaluate a professor inasmuch as the professor to course interaction," Westcott said. "The driving goal is to produce a booklet that represents the students' view and interactions between students and professors."

The evaluation book will contain bar graphs for each professor in every department. The standard criteria for evaluating includes: "Is available and helpful to students"; "makes subject clear and understandable"; and "I would strongly recommend this instructor to a friend." The range of approval is from zero to 10, with 10 being the best rating.

The book has received strong support from Polity senators and other students. But Richard Cole, commuter senator, who has said since the project's birth that the results would not be accurate, said he is still skeptical. "Those statistics are still faulty because less than 50 percent of the students here show for class," Cole said. "This shows Polity as an organization hasn't been working."

Westcott disagrees. The finished book, though smaller in size, is a true evaluation because responses of less than 10 per class are not recorded, he said.

Along with the size reduction, simplicity and affordability have increased, Westcott said. The project,

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— Aaron Westcott, Polity senator

which was first believed to cost around \$50,000 to produce, is now completed at less than \$10,000. While Cotten said last semester that the book would cost students \$3 in the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, the price has been reduced to \$2.

Porter named president of U Senate



Statesman/Darren B. Davis
Richard Porter

By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Staff Writer

Richard Porter, a chemistry professor at Stony Brook for almost 23 years, was elected the new University Senate president last month.

Porter, who has been actively involved with the University Senate since the late 1970s, hopes to create better relations among the university's professors and students, he said.

"I would like to create the closest interaction possible between the faculty, students, and administration," said Porter, who replaces Professor Barbara Elling, who completed a one-year term last December.

The faculty on the University Senate is made up of an executive board; the elected vice-presidents from the colleges within the university; and specialized committees, the elected senators from the specific departments of the university.

Porter has been involved in several activities and committees on the senate.

"I was appointed to serve out a col-

leagues term from the College of

Arts and Sciences on the Personal Policy Committee," Porter said. "This committee is of crucial importance reviewing faculty promotion and tenure cases."

Porter said he was a representative for the College of Arts and Sciences for three years, two years as its chairman; he was vice-president of Arts & Sciences, which

put him on the executive board; and he was involved with various committees.

"I've been a member at large for a number of years," said Porter.

As president, Porter has high hopes for 1992 and would particularly like to create the feeling that faculty, students and administration are all on his list of priorities.

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Porter elected U Senate president

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"It's the senate that organizes the sense of faculty. However, the administration plays a stronger role because of their concern for budgetary manners," Porter said.

Porter said he feels that the state budget, which may cut \$12 million in state aid to Stony Brook, is an immediate goal of the senate.

"Our job is to consult the budgetary matters and my most immediate goal is to get a copy of the budget," said Porter. He said there has been a delay in getting a copy of Gov. Mario Cuomo's budget proposal because it has gone out of print.

Porter would also like to see faculty's

care for student welfare to continue and the focus to remain on the benefit of the students as well as the faculty.

"The faculty and the students are the university," Porter said.

Porter said he is proud to be elected president, and hopes that he fulfills the expectations that come with the position.

"I expect good things of him," said Norman Goodman, a former University Senate president and a professor of sociology. "He has been actively involved in the senate and I consider him to be a solid citizen and scholar."

William Benjamin, vice president of the Health Science Center, who is on the senate's executive board, said, "He appears to be someone who can take control of the jobs that president of the University

Senate has. He can get on top of the major issues and also show leadership. I find him to be clear and effective."

Porter, who said he is eager about beginning his new position at next Monday's first senate meeting of the semester, said, "I hope that I have some success in representing the faculty and staff of the university, for whom I have great respect," Porter said. "I appreciate their confidence in me to do so and I consider it a great honor to serve as a president."

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— Norman Goodman

Public Safety officer reported explosion

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader News Service

NEW PALTZ — Gage Hall, which was re-opened last Saturday by college President Alice Chandler and Ulster County health officials, was the scene of an electrical transformer explosion the morning of Dec. 29, when PCB transformers in six campus buildings exploded, burned, and overheated.

Despite a tape released yesterday of a police radio transmission in which Public Safety officers described explosions in the building, Chandler and the college deny the explosion and maintain that the severity of the incident was limited to minor burning of the transformers.

An exploding transformer is likely to release many more harmful fumes and cause much more potential damage than minor smoke.

A tape of Public Safety communications reviewed by Student Leader News Service includes a report by a campus officer of an explosion in the building at 7:18 am, just minutes after smoke was first acknowledged in the building at 7:09 am.

And, the tape reveals that it took the college 14 minutes from the first sighting of smoke to call the fire department, which was first contacted between 7:23 am and 7:24 am.

The tape was made available to the Student Leader News Service by the town of New Paltz authorities, and will be published in Monday's edition of the news service.

College officials have not acknowledged that the Gage Hall transformer, which has since been removed, did anything other than "overheat" as a result of a power spike believed to have been caused by a car hitting a utility pole.

Smoke Reported in Gage

Gage Hall was the first campus building where smoke was sighted, and the first building of which the fire department was called to respond the morning of the 29th. Smoke was first reported by a female Public Safety officer to her dispatcher at 7:09 am, after it was seen by a custodian.

The times of various transmissions are automatically recorded on the New Paltz emergency communications tape of all communications, and were provided by the New Paltz Police Department.

Nine minutes after smoke was reported, the officer, speaking over the Public Safety frequency on a walkie-talkie, said, "We just had a blast. You might want to have somebody expedite."

Asked to explain further, the officer said, "It was a small type of explosion. I - It's in an electrical voltage room. We were outside of the building when it popped. We got a little smoke now."

Yet it wasn't until another seven minutes after the explosion that Public Safety placed its initial call to the New Paltz Emergency Communications dispatcher, who dispatches the town fire department. Under an agreement

between the College and the Town of New Paltz, both the police and the fire departments only come on campus when invited directly by the College.

When the fire department was called by Public Safety at 7:23 am, they were told by Public Safety to come to the scene of a "small electrical fire" in Gage Hall, and no mention of the explosion was made.

Explosion Not Mentioned

In the telephone conversation between the Public Safety dispatcher and the New Paltz emergency dispatcher, there was no mention of the fire being in a hazardous materials area, though the officer at the scene may have attempted to communicate this.

Rooms containing PCB transformers must be clearly marked with a yellow PCB sign, or an alternative marking known to both the College and the fire department.

In a transmission at 7:15 am, the Public Safety officer at the scene reports that room BM-7 and "possible BM-6" are "full of smoke in the [static] materials areas. Would

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Tape reveals explosion despite denial

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you have the electrician come in and check these areas out?"

The reason for the static, according to police authorities, is probably because the Public Safety officer was attempting to communicate on a walkie-talkie from inside a building. *Student Leader News Service* has placed a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for the College's version of the tape, which may be clearer, though the College has not yet responded to this request.

It was not until 7:23 am, 14 minutes after smoke was first seen in Gage Hall that a male Public Safety officer ordered the dispatcher to call the fire

department.

The Public Safety dispatcher then picked up the telephone and called the New Paltz emergency number, and said, "Can you send a fire truck over, we have a small electrical fire in the basement of Gage Hall."

"All You Saw Was Smoke"

Fire Chief Steve Vaccaro said that as he was responding to the fire, he could see smoke from Gage Hall pouring in to the sky as far away as the 299 bridge leading out of the village.

Fireman Pat Koch, one of the first to respond to the scene, said in an interview, "Upon arrival, all you saw was smoke."

"Two guys were already inside the building. We were told to get those two

guys out for possible PCBs. One guy started going in. We always go in in pairs. I went in with him," Koch said.

Koch was one of five firemen who was possibly exposed to PCB and dioxin tainted smoke that morning.

The *Kingston Daily Freeman* newspaper reported that at least two firemen involved in the Gage fire developed chloracne, a rash that is a symptom of dioxin exposure. According to a county government source, at least two firemen have tested with abnormally high levels of PCBs in their blood, though official test results have not been released.

PCB smoke, which also contains dioxin and dibenzofurans, causes cancer and

birth defects in laboratory animals. Dioxin and dibenzofurans are proven carcinogens in humans, according to Dr. Arnold Shechter, a SUNY professor and world-renowned expert on PCB fires.

Asked how much smoke there was in Gage Hall, Koch replied, "A lot of smoke," which he said went from the ceiling half-way down to the floor by the time he left the building.

He said it smoked for another 30 to 45 minutes after he exited the structure, smoking until the power was cut by Central Hudson.

"The whole entire doorway" of the transformer room "was all smoke," Koch said. "You couldn't see inside of the transformer room."

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Editorials

Guns' Danger Would Outlast Budget Crisis

Since the issue of arming Public Safety was renewed last February, there has been logical, orderly campus debate on the issue, with both sides voicing their concerns over the possibility of arming of the university police.

Now, however, there is the potential for one side to gain an unfair edge with the report last week that the Suffolk County Police Department is cutting back on its services to the Stony Brook area and will not be able to provide the same kind of

security as it has in the past. The reports are that there will be less county patrol and that the precinct will only respond to emergency calls to the university.

What does this mean for the arming issue? Well, it's not clear yet. There are many questions that need to be answered first. It would be easy for those who favor arming to point to these latest developments and say that well, now we really can't afford to not arm the university Public Safety.

Maybe so. But the counter-arguments are still as sound as ever. More guns breed more violence — it's that simple. A gun's design has one purpose, one that has no place on a peaceful college campus.

Yes, the changes in Suffolk County patrol *do* make a difference. But let's take it for what it is: a temporary setback during a budget crisis. If we make a hasty decision and arm our campus police, its dangerous implications will continue long after this budget crisis is over.

Commuter Bus Riders Deserve Better Treatment

As of yesterday morning, an estimated 800-1000 people still had not bought their bus passes. No, it's not a protest against the bus fee which is now one-year old. Getting a third of the student body to boycott something is nothing less than fantasy.

The reality of the matter is, it's a surprise so many people realized that they had to get a new bus pass for the spring semester. Why, you ask?

The only reminder returning students got about the bus fee for

the spring semester was a letter in the mail — in August.

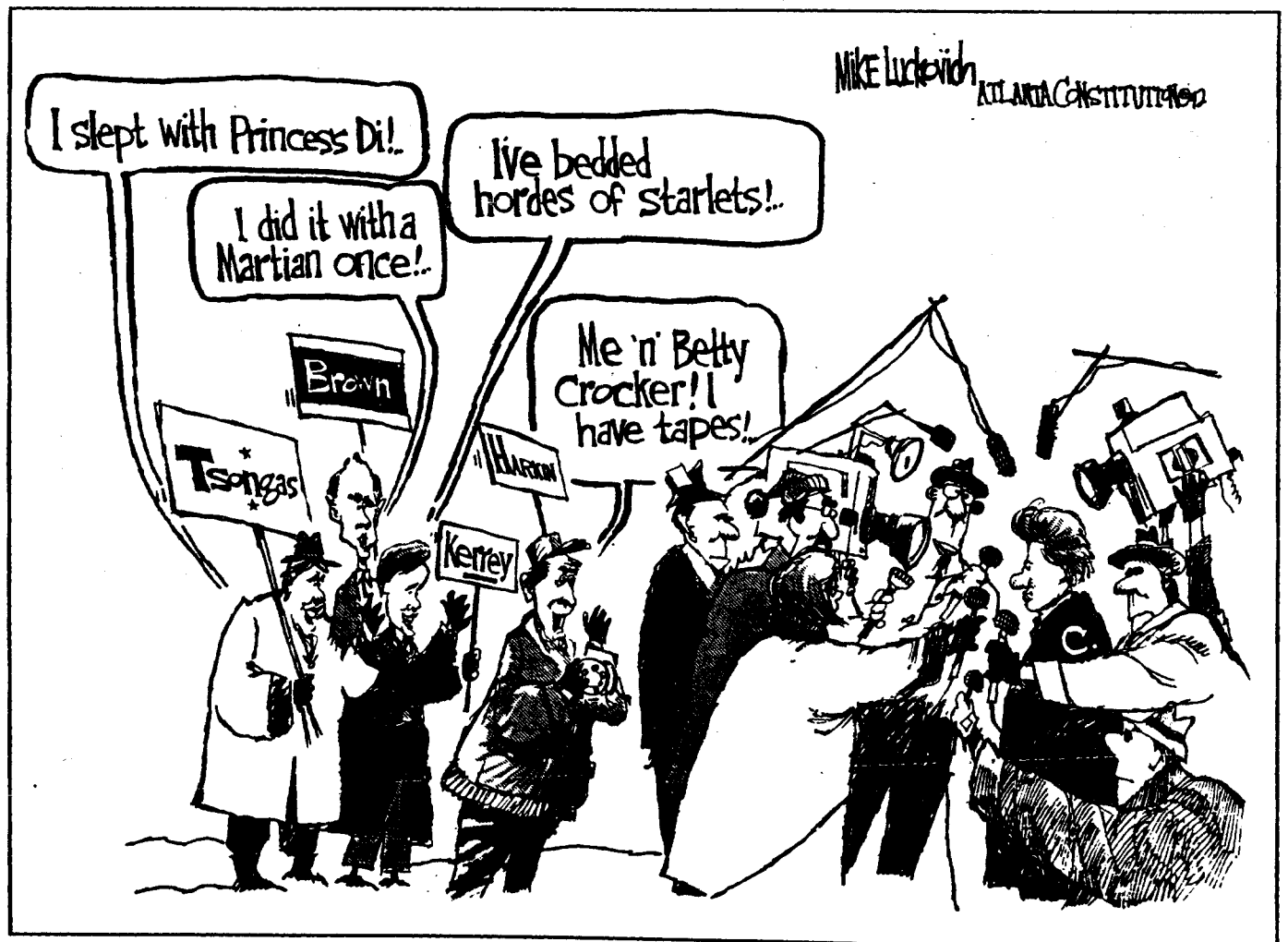
The administration argues, understandably, that photocopying and sending the letter to 16,000 people again is expensive and cannot be afforded at this time.

But, there was a cheap, easy, solution. According to the Bus Service department, there are only 14 buses currently in service. By spending 15 minutes and very little money, signs could have been posted in the buses, reminding riders of the expiration of the old bus

pass, and the two-week grace period that ends tomorrow.

So why didn't that happen? Chances are that someone just simply assumed that people will automatically know that they'd have to pay.

It's bad enough that students — especially commuters — have to pay for a shuttle from South P-lot to their classes (let's not even consider that they have to park 2.5 miles away from classes every day). But those who ride the bus, commuter or not, deserve better.



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Professor Is Cheating Students

To the Editor:

It appears as if SUNY at Stony Brook, in allowing Professor David Burner of the history department once again to teach "America in the 1960s" this semester, is making a statement.

During the last semester, Burner taught this course, dealing with a tumultuous time in American history, during the 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm time slot. Interestingly enough, he also taught another course at the same time. He used to walk from one classroom in the Javits Lecture Center to another, without the aid of teaching assistants to replace him in his absence, running "audio-visual aids" to each class while lecturing the other. As a result, more than 200 students who paid for his lecturing time were short-changed.

To allow Dr. Burner to teach this course again is to implicitly applaud his fraudulent scheduling of two courses simultaneously, cheating 200-plus students out of their education at a time that contains meaningful lessons for the present. The statement should not be made by the administration to the students that this institution is for the student body. Fraud should be punished with administrative action, and action should be dealt with seriously, by sincere, qualified instructors.

David I. G. Turner

Career Developments Improved

To the Editor:

Drew Mitty's critique of the services offered by the Career Development Office, "Career Center Needs Improvement," [Opinion, Jan. 27] makes a number of valid points. Unfortunately, they are obscured by misunderstandings that lead him to some false conclusions.

Mr. Mitty particularly wishes that the Career Development Office was more aggressive in providing on-campus recruitment activities, that it would establish, for example, a jobathon and provide a greater array of job interview possibilities. I, too, would like to see this, and so, frankly, would the staff of the Career Development Office. These initiatives have long been among the goals of that office, but the additional resources needed to support these efforts have not been available, and, regrettably, we had to cut even the meager funding that we did have available for on-campus recruitment activities as part of the university's response to the severe budget cuts necessary this year.

Mr. Mitty does not believe this to be a resource issue. In fact, the office staff comprises only two professional employees and another who dedicates half his time to career development. A small clerical staff and the student assistants Mr. Mitty mentions provide additional support. The example of the kind of Career Development Office that Mr. Mitty would like to see, the one at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has a staff of 10 professionals in addition to clerical and student employees and this to serve a student population smaller than Stony Brook's by

5,000. We, too, would like to see that kind of office here, but we are not likely to see it soon.

To his credit, Mr. Mitty does mention a number of functions that the Career Development Office does perform well: "Resumé and interviewing workshops, computerized job listings, a well-stocked career reference library, and recommendation files for students." These are provided by the same two and a half people that Mr. Mitty so unfairly maligns in other parts of his opinion piece. They simply cannot do more than they are doing now, even though they very much would like to.

Nonetheless, they even have plans to do some new things this year that will be of benefit to Stony Brook students. In an effort to provide direct assistance to those seeking work, the office is becoming part of the SUNY Search/kiNexus, a New York State and national computerized job matching system. More information will be available in the office shortly. The office is also investigating holding a on-campus job fair in April. The staff is

working with the college of Engineering and Applied Sciences to present a job fair on March 4 for students in the college. And finally, the office has initiated, in cooperation with the Office of Alumni Affairs, the Career Advisors Network, which enables students to contact Stony Brook alumni who are willing to provide career advice and information on internships and employment opportunities. The staffs extend a standing invitation to students to visit the office to check out these services.

The Career Development Office is located next to the University Bookstore in Room W-0550 of the Melville Library and is easily accessible from the outside on the ground level of the building. It is open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (not 10 am to 3 pm, as Mr. Mitty asserts), and those who are in the office at 3:30 pm may remain until 5 pm.

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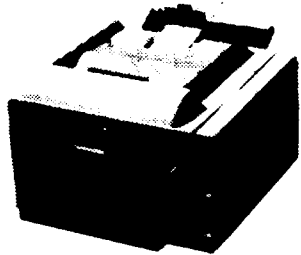
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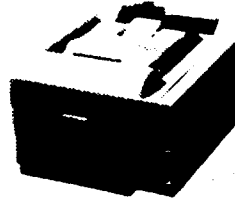


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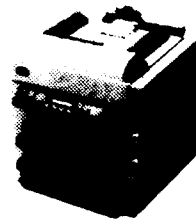
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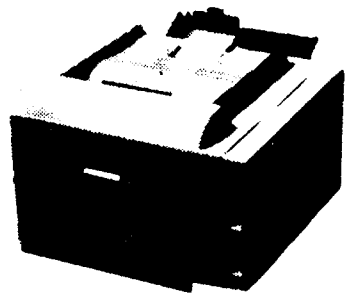
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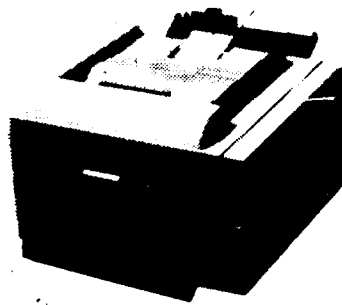


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Defina wins in loss

By Susan Rodi
Statesman Staff Writer

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Defina won the 200-yard butterfly and raced his lifetime best, 2:08.82.

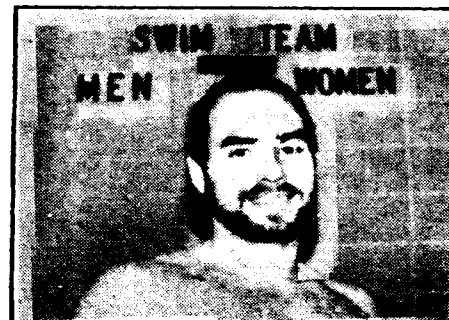
In reference to Defina's race, Head Coach John DeMarie said, "He's been working very hard. He was really psyched up. I don't think he thought he could do it."

Despite Glassboro's apparent edge throughout the meet, the Patriots did have some other outstanding performances. Sophomore Joe Morawski won first place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:05.90. In the 400-yard medley relay freshman Scott Mitchell, Morawski, Defina and junior Brian Seeley, who according to DeMarie "has national standard time," took second place. Seeley also earned second in the 50-yard freestyle, supported by freshman Larry Sullivan who earned third.

Mitchell earned second in the 100-yard backstroke followed by senior Frank Rubenbauer and freshman Pete O'Connor, who earned third and fourth respectively. Junior Jim Caldrony took second in the 200-yard individual medley, Mitchell third and sophomore William Mullen fourth.

Rubenbauer took third in the 1,000-yard freestyle, with junior Mark Palagiano right behind him at fourth. And Sophomore Zack Buck took third in the 200-yard freestyle while freshman Joe Whelan took fourth and O'Connor fifth.

Sophomore Dan Tesone and freshman



Senior Mike Defina

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Larry Sawyer made up the Patriot diving team for this meet. They took second and third in both competitions. DeMarie said that the team plans to "lick [its] wounds and see if [it] can train really hard for the Championships."

The team will endure intense training for the next two weeks, swimming approximately 7,000 yards a day. The week before the Metropolitan Championships the team will rest, swimming only sporadically.

DeMarie said that the championships will be something of an individual competition, as most swimming events are. He said the swimmers will be trying to achieve their personal best times. Although the team's "last piece of good news was New Paltz," DeMarie says, in retrospect, "we didn't lose to any weak teams." He said that the 1991-'92 Montclair State, Glassboro State and NYU teams were the best they'd ever been. He also said that Kings Point and Trenton State were both "solid teams."

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Wardally steps to forefront and shines



Ricky Wardally

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

Junior forward Ricky Wardally led the men's basketball team to a 2-1 week en route to being named *Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Week* for the week of Jan. 28.

Wardally, of Brooklyn, averaged 16 points and 8.7 rebounds over the three-game span, with highs of 19 points and 10 rebounds coming in the 94-80 win over Mt. St. Vincent's.

Having obtained a starting role midway through last season's 23-4 campaign, Wardally brings experience and confidence to a young team. "There are a lot of new faces this year and I have more of a burden to do more on and off the court," said Wardally.

On the court, Wardally has doubled his scoring output from last year's average of 7.2 points a game and has improved his rebounding by nearly four boards. Off the court, Wardally has made his presence felt,

too. Basketball assistant coach Jeff Bernstein credits Wardally for helping him keep the team's morale high. "Ricky gets the younger guys motivated for every game," Bernstein said.

Standing 6-foot-7-inches and weighing no more than 190 pounds, Wardally uses his slender physique to his benefit. "The strongest part of my game right now enables me to slip inside the bigger players and pull down rebounds."

Head Coach Bernard Tomlin sights Wardally's work ethic as providing him with another advantage. "When Ricky is at his best, he is simply out-hustling his opponents," said Tomlin. "In addition, he has improved his shot selection to become more of an offensive threat."

Wardally, a high school teammate of Emeka Smith at South Shore, has played in the shadows of Smith's high-powered offense for the last six years. With the emer-

gence of Wardally as a force on the boards for the Patriots, the shadows finally appear to be receding. Wardally has dwelled on the positives of having Smith, his roommate, on the same team. "Playing with Emeka for so long has helped my game," said Wardally. "He knows when and where to give me the ball."

Wardally and the Patriots have begun to realize that their chance for an NCAA bid is escaping them. "We still have a shot at the NCAAs but we have to win the rest of our games and hope some teams lose," said Wardally. The reality of returning to the ECACs instead of the NCAA tournament, similar to his freshman year, does not disappoint Wardally though. "When we won it two years ago, it was a great experience," said Wardally. "If the young guys gain playoff experience, it will help us in the future."

No matter which road the Patriots take, Wardally is likely to step to the forefront.

Patriots make mincemeat of Morris

By George Lasher
Special to Statesman

The Patriot ice hockey team is, to put it bluntly, an enigma. They destroyed the top-ranked team in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference — the Hofstra Dutchmen, 5-2 just before the semester break. They then came back from the holidays and dropped three straight to C.W. Post and Kean College (twice). How is it then that they were able to defeat one of the other top teams in the conference, Morris College, by a score of 6-5 last Saturday night at the Long

Hockey	
Patriots:	6
Morris:	5

Island Skating Academy in Syosset.

The hard-earned victory was played before an enthusiastic and vocal Stony Brook crowd. These loyal fans were treated to an exciting contest which featured the debut of the Caissie brothers, Todd and Travis, also of Stony Brook's Division I lacrosse team. The Caissies are just the latest in a series of brother combinations who have plied the ice for Patriot teams. Todd, who played for the team last year, celebrated his return by rifling in the first Stony Brook goal on a breakaway started by Eric Ober.

Caissie's goal was the sole tally for the Patriots in the first period that saw Morris totally dominate. The Pats were outshot 16-5 and only the brilliant goaltending of

senior Bill Dickhut kept them in the game. And at the end of one, Morris led 2-1.

The second period started a little better for Stony Brook. With Eric Wuss sitting out a high sticking penalty incurred in the last minute of play in the first, Morris increased its lead to 3-1 with a power play tally only eight seconds into play. But that's where the tide began to turn towards the Patriots.

Inspired by several crunching checks thrown by the Caissie brothers, Ober, Mike Crockett and Mike Stillwagon, the team began to take control.

Brian Karp cut the Morris lead on a beautiful bang-bang power play goal set up by Geoff Hulse. Wuss made a good play at the blue line to keep the puck alive in the

offensive zone. He rifled the puck around the end boards to Hulse, who turned and fired a pass to the slot. Karp, charging the net, arrived at the precise location and the perfect time to ram the puck home.

But the Patriots weren't finished in the period. While killing a penalty midway through, Craig DiMaio cleared the zone with a pass to Ober on the side boards. Ober spotted a breaking Steve Albert and led him on a perfect breakaway. Albert shifted from his forehand to his backhand and neatly put the puck between the goaltender's pads to tie the score.

Travis Caissie, playing defense, preserved the tie by breaking up an empty net shot at the Patriot goal with a good hustling effort late in the period.

Once again Dickhut was outstanding in the net, turning aside 11 Morris shots.

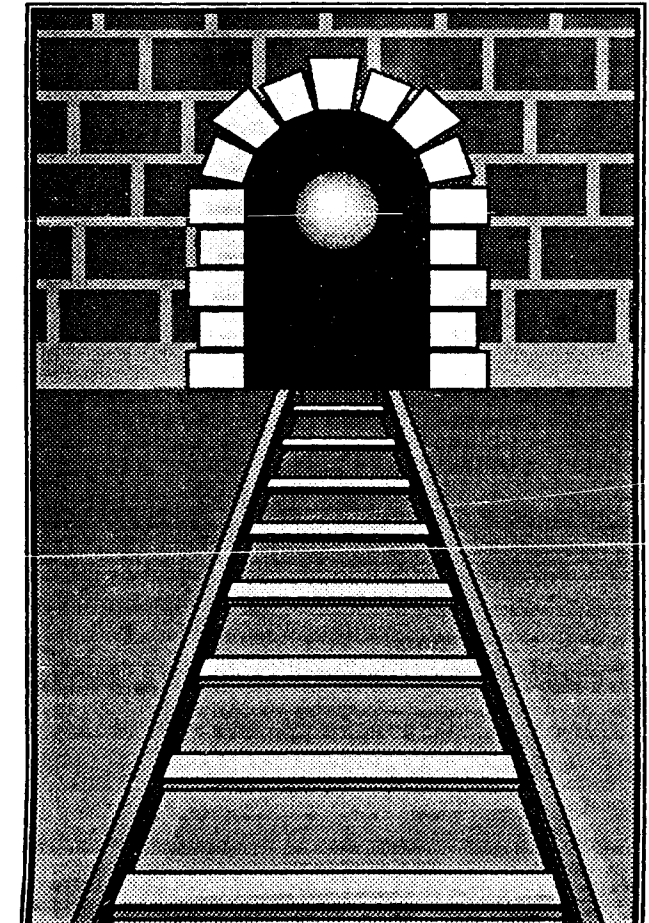
The Patriots came out storming in the third. Lou Megna notched a goal for the third straight game to give the Patriots a 4-3 lead. Peter Lagonikos increased the lead to two with a goal at the 14:00 mark, igniting a flurry of last minute excitement. Morris cut the lead to one only a minute later, scoring on a power play. But Hulse got the two-goal edge back within 17 seconds converting on a hard cross-ice pass from Crockett for the eventual game winner. Less than 40 seconds after Hulse's tally Morris scored the last goal of the game to make the final 6-5.

The Patriot record stands at 4-5-3. They have once again proved they can play with the top teams in the league. They now have to show they can play with all of the others. One thing they must do is cut down on their penalty time. The Patriots were short handed 11 times during the Morris College game and capitalized only four times.

On a happier note, Adrian Jackson with seven goals and nine assists to date, passed Head Coach Andy Kinnier in the Patriot career scoring charts. His current totals of 44 goals and 30 assists places him 14th place overall.

The team plays at the Syosset rink on the 15th to take on the Wagner College Seahawks.

Bill Mauer — whose shot was said to have figuratively been unable to break a pane of glass last week — does indeed have a hard shot.




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Patriots suffer poor game attendance

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

"I wish we had this court to play in," an overwhelmed Hunter player said Monday night. "We'd have something to do with it."

The men's basketball team has been victimized by a twist of fate this season. First the team loses five quality players — three of whom were starters — before the start of the season, then the team loses three more players midseason and now the team has to worry about putting fans in the seats.

The fan attendance at this season's home games have been an atrocity, to say it mildly. In the official stats, the Hunter game three nights ago supposedly drew 250 people. But anyone at the game Monday knows that this is a generous estimate.

"I think the fans have a lack of confidence in us," Patriot guard Michael Francis says. "We look up and see no one's in the stands."

Unfortunately for the Patriots, they have been forced to wrestle with the expectations attributable to last year's team that reached the NCAA tournament as the first seed in the Eastern region. What some fans seem to forget is that this year's team lost an integral part of last year's. And to top it off, the 1991-'92 Patriots play a tougher schedule than the '90-'91 team did.

"It's a transition period," Head Coach Bernard Tomlin said last week. "I really think these guys are doing a good job for their first year."

Tomlin was referring to sophomore Vernard Williams, who currently starts at the small forward position; last season, Williams averaged only about four minutes per game.

Luc Baptiste is another "first-year player." Baptiste,

though back-up last season, only averaged three minutes per game. This year, Baptiste is a 30-minutes-per-game man.

Michel Lamine, another center out of Senegal, West Africa, is in his first year of eligibility at Stony Brook. To his credit, he has started the past three games at the center position and played 29 minutes against Hunter.

The team record of 11-8 is impressive considering the pre and midseason adversities the team had to face, coupled with a schedule that sees the team playing traditionally tough home teams on the road — including Division II C.W. Post.

"We're trying to generate enthusiasm," Tomlin said. "We've been on the road. It's very difficult and we've had to face very unusual sets of circumstances."

Because Stony Brook has so few home games, crowd participation plays a more significant role. This year, the crowd support has been virtually nonexistent. The lack of fan support has taken the intimidating element away from the Sports Complex. In turn, the Patriots do not seem as intimidating to their opponents.

Those who have complained that this year's team is a lousy version of last year's squad should keep in mind that the '91-'92 Patriots have managed to dance their way to an 11-8 record to the tunes of inexperience, and more importantly — to the tunes of apathy.

It's comforting to know that opposing players want to annex the Sports Complex for their respective schools, especially since Stony Brook fans seem too jaded to really care.

Hawks prey on Patriots

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scoring 34 points. "We have a good team. We have a mission and we want it all."

Ray Amalbert, the fourth-year head coach of the Hawks, was satisfied to have won the trophy from Stony Brook at Stony Brook. "They made us official champs of the Skyline [Monday night]," Amalbert said. "We had a little bit of reservation playing them in their home court, knowing they had a strong guard in Emeka, but I thought our team played very well."

"It feels good," said Rodriguez, who is seventh in the nation in rebounding and was game-high again Monday with 15 boards. "I played hard for the team, not myself. It's a good feeling. We knew we were going to win it [against Stony Brook.]"

Stony Brook, on the other hand, drops its conference record to 3-2 and overall mark to 11-8. The team will travel tonight to Manhattanville before returning home Saturday to take on Albany at 7 pm in the Sports Complex.

The loss Monday night follows a Stony Brook loss to Division II C.W. Post, 72-51, where Francis scored 21 points.

"We could have won that game," Francis said, "but we had lapses. I was impressed with the way we came out in the first half and it got away from us when we turned the ball over on the press."

The Intramural Report will return in the Monday issue. Stay tuned to Statesman Sports. THE BEST COVERING THE BEST.

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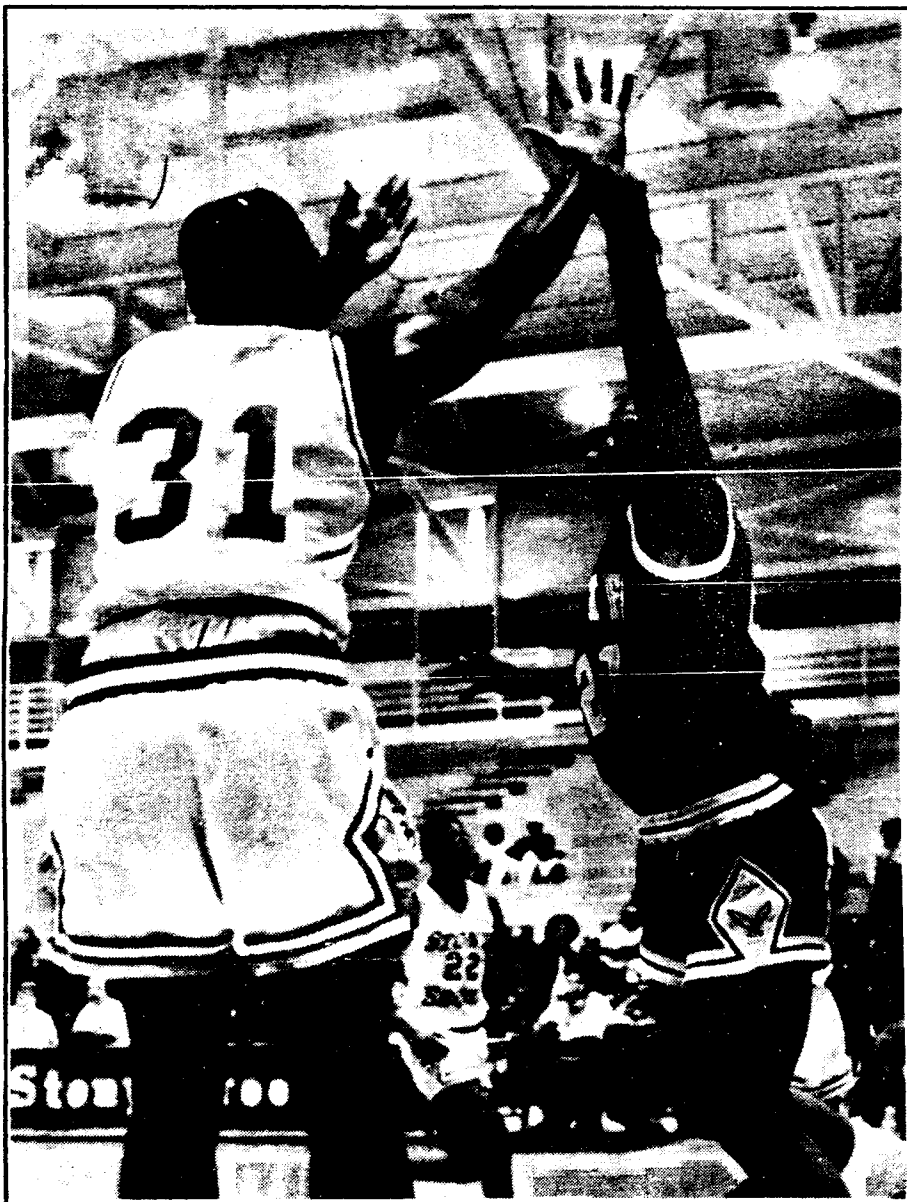
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Thursday, Feb. 6, 7 pm.

Indoor Track at Millrose:
Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30 pm.



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Michael Francis just gets shot off past Hunter defender Monday night.

Patriots stripped

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

Stony Brook had it and Hunter took it away.

The men's basketball team relinquished its hold on the Skyline Conference trophy Monday night as the Hawks defeated the Patriots 85-67, capturing a title only Stony Brook has ever owned.

Since the inception of the Skyline Conference in the 1989-'90 season, the Patriots held the conference title exclusively, going 8-0 in '89-'90 and winning it again in '90-'91 with a 9-1 mark. But in front of 250 fans in the Sports Complex, Skyline's undefeated Hunter Hawks would not allow Stony Brook to play the role of spoilers as Hunter ran away with 41 points in the first half.

"This should make their whole season," said Patriot guard Michael Francis, who knows many teams want to post Ws against the Pats. "All the teams that play us come out with the extra bit of intensity because Stony Brook has traditionally been a good basketball school. The only thing against us [Monday] was inexperience."

The inexperience of the Patriots allowed the Hawks to go on a 16-4 run midway through the first, including eight unanswered points. The more experienced Hunter team also sustained another run to close off the half; this time, it was a 6-0 run that sent the Patriots to the locker room with a 41-27 disadvantage.

The second half was not much differ-

ent as Hunter managed to mount runs of 9-0 and 14-3, anchored by sophomore guard Robert Carter, who finished the contest with 15 points.

Stony Brook did manage a valiant comeback attempt triggered by captain Emeka Smith's three-pointer to cut the deficit to 20. This play followed an uncalled charge on Smith by Hunter's Shawn McCartney in center court that allowed McCartney to bank in an uncontested lay-up.

Smith went on to lead all scorers in the game, including his seven points in the 9-0 Stony Brook attack to make the score 70-56.

All five Hunter starters finished in double figures, a trend that has been the trademark of the team's 13-game unbeaten streak. Freshman McCartney was team-high as he totalled 19 points, 11 in the first. Teammates Jose Rodriguez, Vernon Powell — who is among the top-10 in the nation in scoring — and Demetrius Patterson were also in doubles with 15, 12 and 10 respectively.

Forward Vernard Williams put in a solid performance for the Patriots with 18 points, four rebound and three assists in 30 minutes. Power forward Ricky Wardally had 10 points to go along with his eight rebounds.

"Coming into the game, we focused in on preparing ourselves to playing teams trying to get in our way [of winning the Skyline Conference title]," said Patterson, who had his best career game against Stony Brook when he was with Cortland State by

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Men's Basketball

Hunter: 85

Patriots: 67

Thorns lead to Mill-rose

By Stephen Rollins
Statesman Staff Writer

A sense of pride and success has come over five members of the men's indoor track team, as they prepare for the prestigious Millrose Games, to be held at Madison Square Garden tomorrow.

Some of the nation's finest competitors will attend, including the world-class Santa Monica Track Club and Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Representing Stony Brook are sophomores Jerry Canada, Roger Gill, Anderson Vilien and Chris Wilson in the 4x400 relay team and senior Mike Roth in the racewalk competition.

"We deserve the opportunity to compete in the Millrose," Vilien said, "because we've proven ourselves to be one of the most powerful collegiate relay teams and

one of the fastest."

The 4x400 runners hope to best their 3:24.2 time and qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships. Gill speculates that the team needs a time of 3:23 to qualify.

It hasn't been all roses for these Patriots. In fact, the team has had to deal with recent health problems, most notably to Gill, who is recuperating from bronchitis and is expected to be only 85 percent, according to teammate Canada.

"Just because I'm not 100 percent, I'm not going to step aside and give up my opportunity," Gill said. "We're one of the more dominant teams competing at the Millrose Games."

These Patriots are scheduled to run at 6:40. And the rest of the team will resume action Sunday at the PACs in the Indoor Sports Complex, beginning at 11 am.

Pats overpowered

Stony Brook's women's basketball team was overpowered Monday night at Kean College, 87-64 to drop its season mark to 7-11.

Head Coach Dec McMullen felt his team played well. "We were in the first 30 minutes of the game," McMullen said. "But then we started playing poorly. There was no defensive pressure and our transition game wasn't on."

Leading the Patriots was sophomore Joan Gandolf, who poured in 18 points and hauled down a game-high 20 rebounds. Freshman Shannon Hunt contributed 12 points and freshman Erika Bascom added 11 points to go along with her eight boards.

— Aimee Brunelle