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## Court upholds interest groups' free speech

By Scott Joachim  
 Statesman Associate News Editor

A court ruling last week struck a compromise between students' rights not to fund political organizations they disagree with and those groups' free speech rights.

The United States Court of Appeals last Thursday ruled that the First Amendment is broad enough to encompass college students' right to fund politically active groups, while imposing limitations on the procedural aspects of such funding.

Students at SUNY Albany challenged the university's mandatory student activity fee allocation to the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), alleging that the group's political agenda is biased and restricts students' free speech.

The court decided that while the mandatory fee does constitute compelled speech, the First Amendment is not violated since, "the promotion of extracurricular life, the transmission of skills and civic duty, and the stimulation of energetic campus debate — together are substantial enough to justify the infringement of appellants' First Amendment right against compelled speech."

The opinion, written by the late Judge Kaufman, in part reversed the district court's decision in support of NYPIRG, instructing "that the district court ensure that NYPIRG spend as much at SUNY Albany as it receives from Albany student's fees."

Also limited was NYPIRG's ability to regard as its members all students who pay the mandatory student activity fee, as the organization has done in the past: "NYPIRG expressly forges . . . a link when it proclaims that its 'membership' includes all fee paying SUNY Albany students."

"I still don't think it's right for one or two groups to be able to have special rights by circumventing [the Student Association's] budget process which all the other groups on campus have to go through," said Chris Sandor, appellant, in an article in the *Albany Student Press* last week.

But SUNY Albany Student Association President Bill Weitz told *Statesman*, "I'm pretty confident that the way we've done it in the past is not a problem at this point."

(Clyde Cook contributed to this article.)

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## NYPIRG targeted in dispute over political groups' funding

By Scott Joachim  
 Statesman Associate News Editor

Several Polity senators are challenging Stony Brook's allocation of student activity fee monies to New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), alleging that the organization's political agenda is biased and unrepresentative of the students who pay the fees.



Jeremy Potter

The debate results from a U.S. Court of Appeals decision last week, *Carroll v. Blinken*, which upheld the constitutionality of a SUNY Albany's funding of NYPIRG, while limiting its procedures.

The decision essentially grants student advocacy groups the right to be funded despite political activity, but mandates that these groups spend their allocations on the campuses they serve. The court asked a lower court to determine the legality of the groups' spending on campus.

"The reason why this is of some significance is that . . . constitutional rights were violated to those who don't support NYPIRG," said Stony Brook College Republicans President Ron Nehring at last Wednesday's Polity Senate meeting.

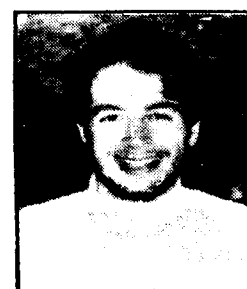
"I don't feel that it's right that individuals should have to fund active groups that they don't believe in,"

said Senator Richard Cole.

But the court's decision protected the allocation of Albany's student student activity fee — of which \$6 a year per student is allocated to NYPIRG — funding of the politically ideological group, since it "promotes a substantial government interest."

The suit was brought by a group of SUNY Albany students who did not want their activity fees to fund NYPIRG at Albany, which advocated policy those students did not agree with.

The court held that although students' First Amendment rights are limited, "the promotion of extracurricular life, the transmission of skills and civic duty, and the stimulation of energetic campus debate — together are substantial enough to justify the infringement of appellants' First Amendment right against compelled speech."



Richard Cole

"It's definitely a victory for students . . . to use student activity fee money however they want to," said Jeremy Potter, NYPIRG's project coordinator for the Stony Brook campus.

But Cole and Nehring said they are against the use of student activity money for supporting groups that are primarily "leftist."

"Certain groups that we

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**A Weekly Guide to Campus Events** **Monday, February 24, 1992**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*Intramural Aerobics Class*, Free to students, faculty and staff at 6 pm in the Small Gym of the Sports Complex. Every Monday and Wednesday.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

*Noon-time Concert Series*, Free concert featuring music by the graduate music students at the Staller Center for the Arts.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*Racquetball Mini-Tournament*, Campus Life Time, 12:40-2:10 pm in the racquetball courts of the Sports Complex.

*Intramural Aerobics Class*, Free to students, faculty and staff at 6 pm in the Small Gym of the Sports Complex.

*Polity Senate Meeting*, Student Polity Senate meets at 7 pm. in the Student Union room 223.

*Graduate Student Organization Senate Meeting*, Central Hall, room 201 at 7:30 pm.

*"Music at Stony Brook,"* WUSB Radio presents the Spring Series featuring musical events and the people that make them happen. Stony Brook Music Department co-sponsors the program at 11 am and 1 pm on 90.1 FM.

*AIDS Quilt Information Table*, Student Union lobby 8 am to 5 pm Information available on next month's display.

*Specula Yearbook Senior Portraits*, Student Union Auditorium, 9 am to 7 pm

*Noontime Concert Series*, Free concert featuring music performed by the graduate

music students at Stony Brook. Noon.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

*"Roosters,"* The story of a contemporary Chicano family by award-winning West Coast woman playwright, Milcha Sanchez-Scott at the Staller Center for the Arts, theater 1, 8 pm. Call 632-7667 for ticket information.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

*"Roosters,"* The story of a contemporary Chicano family by award-winning West Coast woman playwright, Milcha Sanchez-Scott at the Staller Center for the Arts, Theater 1, 8 pm. Call 632-7667 for ticket information.

*Men's Squash*, Patriots play in the Singles Nationals at Vassat. Time to be announced.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 29

*"Roosters,"* The story of a contemporary Chicano family by award-winning West Coast woman playwright, Milcha Sanchez-Scott at the Staller Center for the Arts, theater 1, 8 pm. Call 632-7667 for ticket information.

*"Concert of Music By Women Composers,"* Stony Brook Camerata Singers and the Department of Music, sponsored by The Women's Studies Program and the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council, at the Stony Brook School. For ticket information, call 928-2664.

*Indoor Track*, Men's and Women's teams participate in the Haveford Internationals at Haveport, Pa. at 11 am.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

*"Roosters,"* The story of a Chicano family by award-winning West Coast woman playwright, Milcha Sanchez-Scott. Staller Center for the Arts, Theater 1 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$8 and \$6. Call 632-7667 for more information.

*"Clothesline Project Workshop,"* Workshop to design t-shirts that graphically illustrate violence against women at the Center for Women's Concerns, D120, Langmuir College at 7 pm.

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# 'Higher ed gets the shaft'

## Marburger blasts state for budget cuts

By David Joachim  
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

University President John Marburger last week said the state is not doing enough to prioritize higher public education and called on the state Legislature to "raise the profile of higher education in New York State."

"The state is taking in more money than ever," Marburger told a group of 25 students at a town meeting last Thursday night. "Lower education has enjoyed growth," but higher education continues to be the target of budget cuts because of its political weakness compared with local school districts competing for funding, he said. "There are more of them than there are of us. But higher education is just as important as lower education."

### 'Getting the Shaft'

"We're not so much suffering from the state's budget as we are from a major shift in priorities," Marburger said. "Higher education is getting the shaft."

Marburger blamed the state's mismanagement of non-educational programs with affecting the State University system, including a 30 percent increase in Medicaid funding last year, which he said could have been prevented. "SUNY is getting squeezed by this," he said.

### \$12 Million Cut to University

Marburger, along with members of the Student Polity Association and the Student Association of the State University (SASU), outlined the probable effects of the \$3.8 million Stony Brook must cut by March 1 and the predicted \$12 million cut to the university next year.

The cuts translate into a 7 percent cut from the university's \$166 million annual budget. Marburger has said the cuts' effects will be at least as severe as last year, which claimed 150 faculty and staff positions and more than 100 class sections.

### Tuition Hike 'Avoidable'

The \$800 tuition hike proposed by Gov. Mario Cuomo is avoidable, Marburger said, but students and concerned members of the community must let legislators know they consider SUNY a priority. But he warned that persuading the state will be difficult this year.

Unlike the state budget process for the past 12 years, "The governor's proposal and the Legislature's proposal are the same," Marburger said. "There's nothing for them to fight about."

Among the proposals is a plan called "differential tuition," which intends to charge a higher tuition at University Centers — including Stony Brook — because of their higher quality of education and steeper costs. Marburger said that although SUNY is unique in that it charges the same tuition at all colleges, he does not necessarily support starting the plan now because of the economic



Statesman/Brian King

University President John Marburger

recession.

And Marburger said he believes in systems like the public university system in California, which differentiates its tuition. But stipulations must be set.

"I'm opposed to differential tuition unless there's a differential return," he said. Stony Brook should get a raise in funding from the state if differential tuition is implemented, he said.

### Tuition Increase, Aid Cuts a 'Double Hike'

Polity President Dan Slepian condemned a plan to raise tuition, especially with cuts in financial aid. "Tuition increases don't have to be negative," he said, "as long as financial aid goes up too." He called a simultaneous tuition hike and aid cuts a "double tuition hike."

Both Marburger and Slepian said a \$500 tuition hike, which is the lowest proposed tuition figure, would only raise \$60 million — less than half the budget gap.

Slepian predicted a \$3,000 tuition for Stony Brook student by next year.

And Slepian said the annual cost of a Stony Brook

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# Guardian Angels plan delayed

By Jason Didner  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Guardian Angels, a crime-control organization best known for its involvement with New York City crime, is delaying its effort to start a chapter on the Stony Brook campus after months of negotiations with the university.

Talks between the Department of Public Safety, the university and Guardian Angels representatives began last semester and training for students was scheduled for this semester, said Rodrigo Pocius, a member of the Guardian Angels and former Stony Brook student.

The organization postponed the effort because Pocius, the only student who was fully qualified to establish the chapter, withdrew from the university last month for financial reasons. In order to found a chapter on a college campus, at least one student participating must be a full member, according to Guardian Angels guidelines. Pocius said a Stony Brook student must complete a training class to attain full membership.

This training is not available on campus and a student who trains for the Guardian Angels must train in New York City. "We're having a problem with that because Stony Brook is 65 miles from the city," Pocius said.

Pocius said the organization was facing difficulties in

recruiting students. "A lot of students are interested but don't want to put up the time because of studies and other things," said Pocius. He said students agree that having the Guardian Angels on campus is a good idea, but most students are unwilling to dedicate time.

But it is feasible for a college student to participate in the Guardian Angels and still handle other commitments, said Sebastian Metz, international coordinator for the Guardian Angels. A leadership position requires more commitment, but "it is not something a student could not do," he said.

Doug Little, spokesman for Stony Brook's Department of Public Safety, said he was disappointed by the delay in the Guardian Angels' effort. "They were going to be the eyes and ears for the police department," he said. He said an organization like the Guardian Angels could greatly help the campus police's work. "We've always looked to the communities to help," he said. "There's 100 of us on campus, but we can't be everywhere."

Little said he would appreciate any voluntary effort from students towards the prevention of campus crime. He said many students have to work and cannot give commitments of many hours a week, but "students have to volunteer what time they could possibly give. We're



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Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

# Author's influence remembered

By Bob Walia  
Statesman Staff Writer

Henry Louis Gates Jr., chairman of the African American Studies at Harvard University, gave a lecture focusing on prominent black writer James Baldwin's influence on his life last Tuesday at the Staller Center for the Fine Arts.

Gates described how at the age of 14 he was introduced to a book by Baldwin: that it was the first time in his life he had read a book in a "black person's sensibility."

This book inspired Gates, leading him to "devour" other works by Baldwin like; *Notes of the Native Son*, *Nobody Knows My Name*, *The Fire Next Time* and *Another Country*. Eventually Gates adopted Baldwin "as his own personal oracle."

According to Gates it was at this point in his life he realized "that black culture had a texture and a logic of its own [and] that it was inextricable from white culture." But Baldwin helped Gates identify and negotiate the latter contradiction.

"If blackness was a labyrinth then Baldwin was my guide," said Gates. By reading Baldwin's works Gates said he was also provided with moments of the most "un-negro knowingness." For instance, in Europe a man can be proud of his occupation whether he is a waiter or an actor, unlike in America. This allows for a friendly atmosphere because the waiter doesn't resent the actor's success.

One of the intriguing aspects of the lecture was Gates' description of Baldwin's life. He discussed how Baldwin went from

being regarded as the voice of Black America to being tabbed Martin Luther Queen.

Baldwin's change in status led to a change in his viewpoints. Baldwin went from stating that "we the black and white need each other if we are really to become a nation, if we are really that is, to achieve our identity," to saying, "It is not necessary for a black man to hate a white man as to have particular feelings about him, in order to realize that he must kill him."

Gates pointed out that the changes in Baldwin's statements could have been an effort on Baldwin's part to be accepted by the society that branded him Martin Luther Queen.

Gates summed up his lecture by affirming, "I loved the man."

# Polity senators dispute NYPIRG funding

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are funding are severely left," said Cole. "This isn't fair," he said.

"In my view, this has been a victory for moderate, mainstream students," said Nehring. "Whatever applies to NYPIRG also applies to [the Student Association of the State University] SASU," he said. "And students have a lot to gain from the court's forcing organizations like SASU to change."

At an earlier senate meeting, Cole also accused the United States Student Association (USSA) — which also receives Polity funding — of representing "left-wing, Marxist propaganda."

But Potter said NYPIRG is "one of the few groups out there representing the average person," referring to the organization's dedication to issues including the environment, tuition hikes, and education. "What's left-wing oriented about [these issues]?" asked Potter.

"If Richard Cole doesn't like the issues NYPIRG works on, he should get involved [with the organization]," said Potter.

Polity President Dan Slepian advised the senate at its last meeting to table debate of the issue until Wednesday, when the senate should be more informed on the issue.

"Basically, what Polity's doing is fine," said Polity Treasurer David Greene. "Some people need things cleared up for them."

The court remanded the decision back down to the district court to assure that "NYPIRG spend as much money on activities at SUNY Albany as it takes in from SUNY Albany students via their activity fees."

Since the Stony Brook Polity budget allocates \$55,200 to NYPIRG via the bi-annual referendum — which has students vote on the funding from the student activity fee — NYPIRG will need to show it spends at least that much directly on the Stony Brook campus.

Potter said NYPIRG's pooling system, which is funded by more than 18 other SUNY schools and centralizes the

money for future redistribution, is an efficient use of resources and he doesn't see a problem in proving what NYPIRG receives on campus.

"I still think that NYPIRG is acting unconstitutionally because I can't believe that they spend \$55,000 on this campus," said Cole.

But Potter said NYPIRG redistributes at least that much for use on the Stony Brook campus. Through fundraising, the group actually spends more than students give it, he said.

"If need be, I will probably get a court order for them to show how they spend \$55,200 on this campus," said Cole.

All undergraduate Stony Brook full-time students are required to pay a \$137-student activity fee through which NYPIRG is funded. As a result, NYPIRG considers all undergraduate students members of the organization.

The Court of Appeals declared this claim unconstitutional because all students can not be automatically "linked in the popular mind with NYPIRG aims."

And Cole challenged the claim, saying that not all students agree with NYPIRG's agenda.

Potter said this aspect of the decision will not pose a problem for the organization. "It's as simple as revising our by-laws," he said.

# Marburger blasts state's priorities

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student's education, with all expenses, is up to \$9,800, a doubling of education costs since 1982.

"SUNY is in the worst position its ever been in," Slepian said.

SASU President Randy Campbell, a Stony Brook graduate, urged students to "keep the pressure on" legislators before the budget is approved next month. "The tuition

hike and the budget cuts are not carved in stone," he said.

Many participants expressed disappointment with the turnout at the first of several "town meetings" sponsored by Polity to educate students on student issues.

David Joachim's News Views will return next Monday.

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# Lecture, group combat racism

By Jason Didner  
Statesman Staff Writer

Representatives from a New York City community service center taught an audience of more than 20 what they can do to combat racism in a workshop in the Student Union last Thursday.

Stony Brook's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) sponsored the workshop, entitled "Tools for Dismantling Racism," which was presented by Men of All Colors Together (MACT), a gay men's group against racism.

"We're not coming here with any magic formula or magic answer to ending racism in America," said David Housel, a member of MACT. "We're going to take baby steps. We're not going to wave the magic wand and all not be racist anymore." Tony Glover, former co-chairman of MACT said, "We're not really here to theorize how to dismantle racism, but look at how it's affecting your own lives and what tools you really have."

**"White people are not empowered to challenge racism."**

—Tony Glover

Society trains people to be racist and it institutionalizes racism, making it difficult to pinpoint subtle racism, said Housel and Glover.

The first, most important part of the process of dismantling racism is that "you've got to look at yourself," said Housel. "You have to come to terms with who you are as a person," said Glover.

The speakers said multi-cultural organizations like MACT are also important tools in combatting racism because they create a safe haven to discuss racism and because they promote multi-cultural experience." Part of what MACT is about is to make a safe place" for people to examine themselves and their society in the context of racism, said Housel.

Gregory Terry, a member of MACT's board of directors, stressed the importance of sharing experience among various cultures as a tool for dismantling racism. He said MACT celebrates a variety of cultural events, from the Jewish holiday Passover to the African-American holiday Kwanza. "Everyone gets involved," said Terry.

Glover said one must "realize the importance of a safe place for acknowledgement [of racism]." He said a tool for dismantling racism is to "create a larger place in society where you can do your anti-racist work."

But he said the safe environment is only the beginning. Individuals must take their anti-racist work into society, said Glover. "One way to note progress is once you have in your consciousness that racism or sexism is insidious, do you keep it to the safe confines of a workshop like this one?" he said.

Glover said that in order to confront racism, one must first feel empowered. But he said society does not grant people this sense of power.

"This society sets it up so you the white person cannot respond," he said. "White people are not empowered to challenge racism. Society doesn't give you the tools to do that." He advised white people who oppose racism to "be comfortable with being a white... anti-racist in your circles."

We must "acknowledge how big the problem is," said Glover.

Talin Shahinian, a senior English major, cited an incident in which people behind her on line at Papa Joe's in the Student Union made racial slurs about her African-American friend. During the workshop she said she felt powerless to respond to the remarks.

But she said after the workshop that she felt able to confront future incidents of racism. "It made me think about what to do next time," she said. "I think it hurts all of us when we let it go by."

Anti-racists must bring what they learned in the workshop into their lives, said Brandon Rush, co-chairman of LGBA. "One meeting is just a beginning."

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## Editorial

# Student Advocacy Must Not Be Sacrificed

Polity President Dan Slepian recently said, "Politics makes the world go round." Behind all action and thought, a political agenda lies in the background.

Idealistically, one may wish to consider other aspects of life more redeeming and overpowering than the use of political propaganda in achieving one's goals. But the more one looks at the actions of several Polity senators, it seems for them, politics is the world itself.

Last week's Polity Senate meeting brought with it, once again, a war between liberals and conservatives. Those on the right challenged the legitimacy of funding organizations such as the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), arguing that such a group is nothing more than a vehicle for "left-wing, Marxist propaganda."

This allegation is a serious one, one that merits serious contemplation of the issue — without the guide of political ideology.

### What is NYPIRG?

NYPIRG is a public interest group dedicated to the education of SUNY students, via resources it acquires, primarily, through allocations of funds from many of the SUNY schools. Among other activities, NYPIRG has increased voting registration on the Stony Brook campus. NYPIRG has increased awareness on the United States involvement in the Middle East. NYPIRG has helped pass consumer legislation, such as the "lemon law," which protects buyers' rights. NYPIRG has helped raise awareness on environmental issues including acid rain. NYPIRG has lobbied Gov. Mario Cuomo and the New York State Legislature against tuition hikes. NYPIRG has lobbied against the unfair implementation of standardized tests. NYPIRG has organized a Small Claims Court Action Center, which offers counseling for students involved in litigation. NYPIRG has lobbied for recycling laws and reduction of

waste disposal. And most importantly, NYPIRG has received support from 80 percent of students in referendums at Stony Brook.

Obviously, these activities do not promote "left-wing, Marxist propaganda."

This is *not* a free advertisement for NYPIRG, nor is it an attack on those who do not support the organization.

But this is a plea for the Stony Brook student to realize and to appreciate the effect organizations such as NYPIRG have on our campus. The most effective resource students have is the power to incorporate these institutions into our own, to provide education, involvement and participation in the very real issues that affect the campus community.

Politics may or may not make the world go round. But thanks to organizations like NYPIRG, the world continues to go 'round with the education and input of the campus community.

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# SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, February 24, 1992

## Campus bureaucrats have feelings too

By Jana S. Katz  
Statesman Staff Writer

**T**HE GUY BEHIND YOU TAPS HIS foot. Someone in front of you complains about spending hours in line. At semester's start this scene is commonplace in the administration building. But the view that most students don't see is behind the counters.

"You run up against everything," says Barbara Ervast, calculations clerk for the Office of Student Accounts. "You've got the arrogant ones who know more than you and then you've got have the ones who cry. Your heart goes out to them." But there are problems behind the counters too.

"The budget is taking its toll on the number of seats available" in classes, says Registrar William Strockbine. At the Office of Records and Registrar there are all kinds of problems to slow down processing of forms: students' carelessness in filling out forms correctly and completely force many blocks imposed on students' registration, blocks like, "library fines, traffic tickets."

Strockbine says, "Some people kind of lose it." Besides that there's not much else to do waiting on lines. But administration employees know this.

"I feel bad for students. They get bounced around from line to line," says Ervast. Sometimes the bouncing is for nothing. "Its the worst when they wait on line and we have to turn them away," says Strockbine.

Strockbine is usually in his office, hidden behind the buzzing computers. When it's busy, though, he works at the counter. "I enjoy talking to students who have a less than hostile attitude," he says. "There are some people who, because of their background and experience, are simply rude. You try not to personalize their behavior. Some people make it difficult not to personalize."

Angry people are common but some of the impatience may be New York-based. Kaleb Strockbine, 22, the registrar's son, helps out occasionally. "If you go to other parts of the country people are more laid back. A lot more laid back," he says. "The process of waiting on line



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Noreen Votteler, of the Registrar's Office, fields students' questions and problems last week

is very difficult because it's so dull. On both sides of the counter it tries your patience a lot."

Dealing well with angry people takes some training. "Learning how to talk to people and how to keep them calm has come in very [handy] in this job and in my life," says Ervast, who worked at H&R Block for 15 years and has worked at Student Accounts at Stony Brook for one

and a half years. "I'm used to dealing with angry people," she says. "I try to make sure that my tone of voice is calm, like I'm not arguing with them." Strockbine also says treatment is important.

"If a student perceives they're being snarled at,

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Athletic trainer Claudine Tamaiko assists athlete Bill Zagger on Cybex leg machine

## The Patriot protectors

By Aimee Brunelle  
Statesman Staff Writer

**A**N ATHLETE IS DOWN, WRITHING in pain and isn't getting up. Like a guardian angel, a red shirt clad person scrambles on field and goes to work.

If you've ever been to a Stony Brook athletic contest, you've probably noticed these women and men. They are Stony Brook's student athletic trainers, the backbone of our athletics program.

Athletic trainers try to prevent injuries from taking place, but when the inevitable happens they provide on the spot evaluation and emergency care. They also help to rehabilitate the athlete through exercise and therapy. In addition, they make referrals, instruct and counsel athletes, and see to the upkeep of the training room.

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# CAMPUS VOICES

By John O'Keefe

## Question of the Week:

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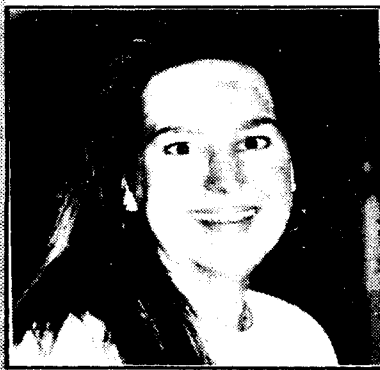


"I believe in being totally natural. If it's not there, then don't put it there."

**Ro Sheffer, 21**  
Class: Senior  
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"I think what's inside is valuable enough to outweigh risking my health."

**Gretta Morchel, 21**  
Senior  
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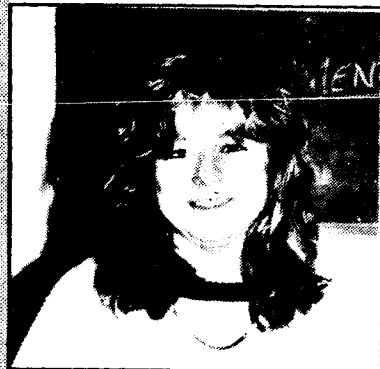
"I'm glad I don't need them. They're not really necessary."

**Caroline Carey, 20**  
Junior  
Political Science



"If it makes you feel better about yourself and raises your self esteem, then you should do it."

**Renee Kuperman, 18**  
Freshman  
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## Your Health Is Nothing to Sneeze At

**D**ID YOU HEAR THE story about the student last year who decided it wasn't necessary to purchase health insurance, after she was terminated from her parent's policy?

Everything was OK for three months, and then it happened. She fell during a skiing trip. The remainder of her vacation was spent in a Colorado emergency room, a hospital bed, recuperation at home, and finally, physical therapy. Her bills? Don't ask. Astronomical, and everything paid out of her pocket (or should we say, her parents' pocket). It was not a happy time.

Well, this very same student could have opted for a health insurance plan, a special Stony Brook optional health insurance plan would have paid her medical bills: emergency room, hospital room, doctors, medicines, and physical therapy. Why didn't she take the plan? Because, like many of us, she felt she would always be healthy, vigorous, and never, ever vulnerable to an illness or accident.

This *LIFE Column*, which we have been writing since last spring, usually focuses on health and wellness issues. So why this story about a student without insurance? Because both the Student Health Service and Faculty Student Association believe that having adequate health insurance must be the goal of every student on this campus; it truly

*This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and the Faculty Student Association. Leta Edelson is the health plan administrator.*

should be part of everyone's plan for good health no matter what age we are.

You probably are wondering why we are talking about health insurance when most students are paying a mandatory health fee this year. What is this for? Basically, it covers

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**Leta Edelson**

the costs of medical care for each Stony Brook student who comes into the Student Health Service — to see a physician, to have lab testing done, to use the pharmacy, to see the social worker. On a campus this size it is essential to have a real infirmary, and we do.

But what happens when students need more medical care than what the Student Health Service can offer? The service is not open nights or weekends, it does not have X-ray equipment, there are no specialists. A student who needs further medical attention must go elsewhere. The mandatory fee will not cover the costs of medical care outside the health service. Going elsewhere will cost big bucks on Long Island — unless you have health insurance coverage.

We encourage all Stony Brook students to purchase health insurance if they are not already insured. If you need coverage you can purchase a private plan through an insurance broker in your neighborhood, or you can look into the plan offered Stony Brook. This plan is specially designed for our students, is reasonable in cost, and has very low deductibles. It will ensure you are not caught in a medical cost nightmare.

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## TELL MICHELE THE LIFE COLUMN

TELL MICHELE, the campus' only advice column, will now be published once every two weeks. THE LIFE COLUMN will alternate with Michele in this space. For suggestions about either column or to tell Michele, write to Student Union room 075, Campus Zip #3200, or call 632-6480.



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# SUNDAY, SUNNY SUNDAY

Gean McTigue and Renee Kuperman take advantage of the warmest weather of the year yesterday by studying outside in front of Gray College

## The other side of the administrative counter

**“It’s a pressure cooker of an office, especially in the first two weeks.”**

— Registrar William Stockbine

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they’re going to respond in a predictable way,” says Strockbine. “So we try and hire people and look for interpersonal skills instead of clerical.” Instead of office wizards, he would hire, “lousy typists who like to work with students and we don’t give them any typing to do.”  
The workers must be patient for a full day’s work. “It’s a pressure cooker of an office, especially in the first two weeks,” Strockbine says. He calls the registration office the “boiler room of the university,” and calls himself the “chief engineer.”

At Student Accounts, however, Ervast says, “We’re the billing department, we end up getting dumped on by everybody.” Her irritation is for the system, but, she says, “That’s just bureaucracy.” Her compassion is for the students, and, she says, “Sometimes we can help students. That makes me feel good that at least I can tell them where to go.”  
But since 1968 Strockbine has been looking from behind the counter. Now he thinks the situation is not that bad. “In the ‘70s I found that I was taking my life in my hands,” he says. “Today, if I go out there and explain it’ll be an hour wait

students say, ‘Oh, its okay. It’s a great place to pick up chicks’ or ‘I brought a book to read.’”  
Strockbine compares students to the ocean. “They never stop coming,” he says. “People are just exhausted by the end of the day.” At Student Accounts, Ervast says, “We’re tired at the end of the day — really tired.”  
Even at the end of the day it’s not over. “It’s astonishing the hours people call our number,” Strockbine says. Many students call Saturday and Sunday nights. “I’m crazy enough to be here, not crazy enough to answer the phone.”



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# Keeping the Patriot athletes healthy

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Stony Brook's athletic training program is an elective course providing partial fulfillment of the National Athletic Trainers Association certification requirements. Head Athletic Trainer Kathy Koshansky teaches PEC 310 (fall) and PEC 311 (spring), which are basic and advanced athletic training courses.

First year student trainers must have 100 hours of practical experience in the training room each semester in addition to 2 hours of class and 3 hours of lab a week. These "rookies" sign up for hours and are assigned to various sports teams practices and games. In the second year, the "veterans" are assigned to a specific sport and must put in at least 250 hours.

Kerty Estevez, a junior, and Rob Bentivenga, a sophomore, are two of 11 rookies in their first year of athletic training. Estevez is interested in this program because she likes to help people. "I like to help take the pain away from injuries and to rehabilitate athletes," she said. "It feels great to help them."

Bentivenga joined the program because he likes athletics. "I used to play soccer, so I am used to being around athletes," he said. "I have a great deal of interest on how the body works and how competition affects the body."

Laura Coombs and Lemont Platt, both seniors, and Claudine Tomaiko, a junior, are three veterans who have been in the program over a year. Coombs and Tomaiko both work with the football and lacrosse teams, and Platt has worked with the men's soccer, football, men's basket-

ball, and baseball teams.

These vets feel that the student athletic trainers learn more than how to take care of injuries. "We have camaraderie, and share special bonds with the athletes, coaches, and other trainers," Platt said. "Since we share a common goal — to help the athletes, we learn and help each other." Coombs added, "You can observe so many things in one day — ten times the amount you can learn in a classroom."

One thing these three would like to see changed is the attitude toward the student athletic trainers. "We would like more respect from administration and be recognized as a serious club," Coombs

said. "People don't understand what goes on here and what we know." Platt added, "The general public seems to think that athletic trainers design workouts to get our athletes into shape."

The consensus among the trainers is that they would like to see a minor program developed. "This program takes lots of commitment and sacrifice," Tomaiko said. "It should become a minor. Right now this PEC class is a lot of work for two or three credits. Administration must recognize the need and importance of an athletic training program, because without a successful athletic training program, athletics will suffer."

Koshansky is trying to develop an athletic training minor in the near future, but it will be difficult because many courses will have to be added to fill requirements. Nonetheless, she feels a minor will be a necessity by the time Stony Brook athletics turn Division I.

"This program was started not to give students the opportunity of athletic training, but to help me in covering athletic contests," Koshansky said. "In the long run, it helped the student trainers gain valuable experience in athletic training. Our intercollegiate athletics wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for the student athletics trainers."

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The 1992 Summer Session will consist of two six-week terms as follows: Term I: June 1-July 1; Term II: July 13-August 21. Complete Summer session course schedules for each term are now posted outside the Office of Records/Registrar, New Student Programs, Undergraduate Studies and Summer Session. Registration for all summer classes begins Monday May 4th.

# Hazing: The Making of a Greek Tragedy

By Eileen Stevens

**T**HE WORK THAT I DO BEGAN BECAUSE OF a personal experience. I speak from the heart, as a mother, who learned about the ugly tradition of "hazing" in the worst possible way. I lost my son, Chuck, 13 years ago in an alcohol/hazing incident in upstate New York. He was kidnapped from his dorm, locked in a car trunk in freezing weather with two other pledges, and forced to consume a lethal mixture of bourbon, wine and beer. Chuck was dead within hours of acute alcohol poisoning and exposure to the cold. The other pledges were hospitalized but fortunately they lived. Since that time I've spoken at over 500 campuses *not* against fraternities — but against hazing! The work that I do has a definite purpose; to increase awareness, to work to find alternative to hazing, and to encourage educational programs and to lobby for anti-hazing laws.

If Greek life is to remain in existence it must rid every chapter — on every campus — of hazing in all its ugly forms. The very survival of fraternities and sororities depends on that simple fact. This is not a simple task because students entering fraternal organizations as well as existing members are receiving a mixed message. Until there is a clear signal from college administrators, national headquarters and lawmakers that even the most subtle, seemingly innocu-

ous forms of hazing will not be tolerated the problem will remain.

Currently, the House Judiciary Committee is reviewing two proposals that would criminalize hazing and put

These are frightening facts that cannot be justified, blemishing the innocent along with the guilty. Adverse publicity, lawsuits and public pressure have put Greeks under fire and Greek life is in jeopardy.

**If Greek life is to remain in existence it must rid every chapter — on every campus — of hazing in all its ugly forms.**

Being Greek is an honor. One that commands responsible behavior. No member of a fraternity should allow hazing to go on in their chapter. Even seemingly harmless activities have led to problematic situations. Most reported hazing incidents involve alcohol.

Subservience, ridicule, verbal abuse, intimidation, sleep deprivation, forced calisthenics, and unfair tests are all hazing and should be reported. No one should compromise their dignity to belong to any group. If you are allowing yourself to be hazed or looking the other way when someone else is being hazed you are enabling this ugly practice to continue and jeopardizing the emotional and physical well being of others. You are the future of fraternity. You have rights and an important voice. This is a time of growth and personal development. You are in a

unique position to strengthen your chapter. By implementing change, you can set a tone for the future. Only you can eradicate the cancer of hazing. You will face many challenges and choices. I implore you to do so with leadership and courage.

I speak to you as a mother who lost a fine son to hazing and alcohol. I believe in you or I would not do the work that I do. I ask you to do your part, respect and value life and each other so a tragedy like Chuck's is never repeated.

mandates on universities. Legally the landscape is seeing laws being tested in courts and litigation that is jolting the financial foundation of national fraternities resulting in an insurance crisis. Some university boards are seeking the abolishment of Greek letter organizations on their campuses and some have succeeded in doing just that! Some courageous fraternities have eliminated the pledge process and may be setting the tone for the future. The ever-present media continues to report the hard truth, abuses, indignities, injuries and fatalities (55 in the past decade).

*Eileen Stevens is the founder of Committee to Halt Useless College Killings (CHUCK).*

## Letter

### Campus Needs Arming

To the Editor:

In response to the editorial of Feb. 6, "Guns' Danger Would Outlast Budget Crisis" which states that "there is potential for one side to gain an unfair advantage with the report last week that the Suffolk County police Department is cutting back on its services," I regret that your editorial staff feels an unfair blow has been struck to your cause which you state is a

"peaceful college campus." Perhaps you might want to interview the student that you reported, in the same Feb. 6 issue [*Police Blotter*], had a four-inch knife held to his face after a dispute over ownership of cable television. He is lucky to be alive, unlike the one student who died and another who was stabbed at the University of Rochester in 1986 by a fellow classmate. Not to mention the numerous other on-campus deaths that occur every year.

I was shocked when I transferred to Stony Brook at the beginning of this semester and found out, from your newspaper, that I did not have the benefit of armed police protection on campus. What the Suffolk County police cutbacks mean is a very bad situation has gotten a lot worse. What is really unfair is the fact that I or any other person on campus should have to think twice about being in danger and my only help coming from a Public Safety officer who is not fully equipped to protect me or himself. While I would always stand behind my supporting the arming of Public Safety, I question if you would take such a stand before the family of the student or police officer who died needlessly because someone with a gun or knife did not take seriously the command of an unarmed police officer.

Jeffrey Leathersich

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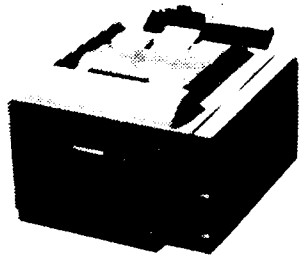
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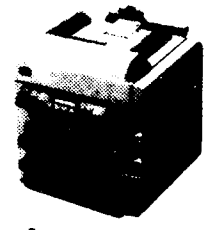
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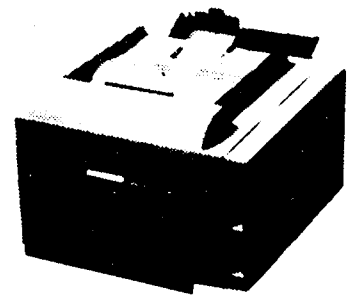
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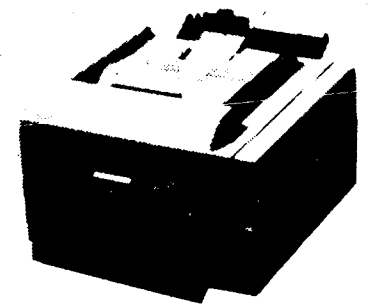
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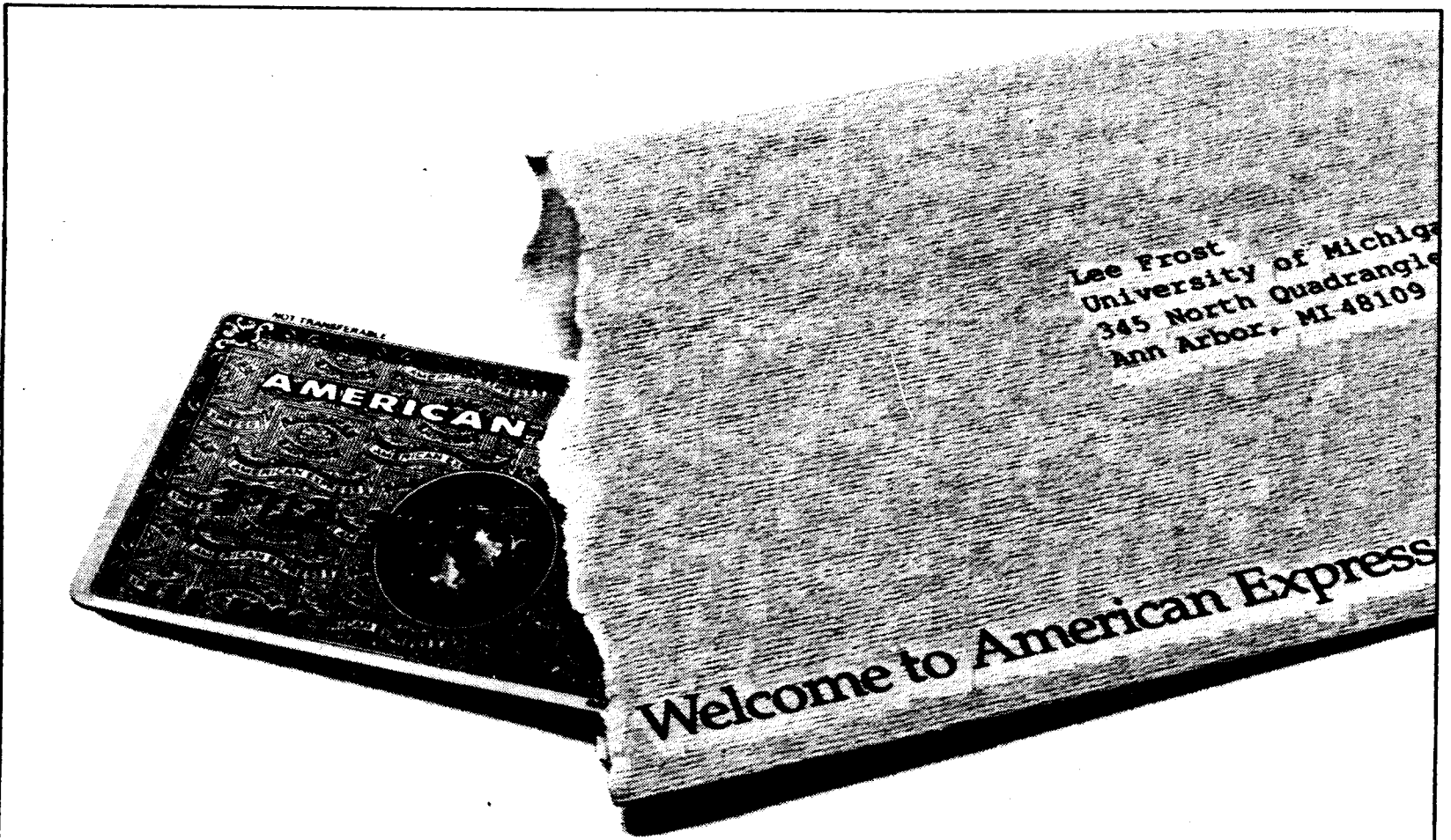
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## Valiant but futile effort

PLAYOFFS from back page

After Stony Brook took a 33-21 lead to intermission, Manhattanville opened up the second half scoring with a 12-5 run.

Guard Brian McDonagh, the cornerstone of the Valiants' offense, accounted for 10 of the team's 12 points in the attack to finish with 15 — all tallied in the second.

"I was cold when I first got in," McDonagh said. "But then I started to relax and felt more confident." McDonagh, the Skyline Conference Player of the Week for a second straight week, failed to start the game as he was benched by Tedesco for showing up only 30 minutes prior to game time.

"I had a lot of trouble finding this place," McDonagh said. "I drove with a friend and got in late."

Manhattanville's attempt at tying the score with their surge fell short as Francis hurled a bucket from downtown with 11 minutes left in the game to up the Patriot lead to 55-44.

The Valiants and the Pats played give-and-take basketball the rest of the way. The most exciting sequence was delivered by Wardally as he slam dunked the ball over Scipioni with three minutes to go.

"I just let Ricky slam dunk for me today," said teammate Michel Lamine, who has distinguished himself with jams of his own. "I couldn't do any dunks because I didn't pump them in the beginning," Lamine added — referring to his high-top Reebok pumps.

Francis led all players in scoring with 26. Smith recorded 17 and needs only 28 points to break the all-time Patriot career points total for men of 1,793 set by Earl

*"We were doing well up until the last eight minutes of the first. They did what they had to do."*

— M'ville Head Coach  
 Ralph Tedesco

Keith.

The win gives Stony Brook a 17-9 regular season mark, 8-3 in the conference. Manhattanville falls to 4-6 in the Skyline and 25-10 overall.

Conceivably, the victory gives the Patriots a home-court advantage in the ECACs. Bids will be announced early March.

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# D-I Move a Touchdown for USB

**I**T'S ABOUT TIME TO SILENCE CYNICS AND skeptics who feel Stony Brook should not turn Division I.

Michael Sokolove, an author, addressed his concerns last week in *Newsday's* Viewpoints section, entitled "In Sports at Stony Brook, Small Is Better," regarding the university's attempt at a status switch.

Sokolove said, "A big-time athletic program... can bring glory — or shame — to the campus." That a Division I institution would be in danger of "run[ning] wild," according to Sokolove and that "constant vigilance" is vital to "keeping athletic programs on a manageable level."

This is true. "Constant vigilance" is needed to curb violations — to keep the athletic program in check, or as he puts it, "on a manageable level." There is no reason why Stony Brook should not tightly supervise the athletic department as tightly as it supervises the science department. But so long as the university does not lose sight of its priorities and its commitment to top-flight academics, athletics will not "run wild."

The concerns expressed by Sokolove seem to be inspired by news of the bad schools — the bad programs that resorted to violations for the sake of athletic superiority. How about the "clean" institutions like Harvard and Duke and Stanford. They field extremely competitive teams and yet they have managed to maintain the ideal balance between academics and athletics. Stony Brook would be emulating these models.

Sokolove, in his argument, goes on to imply that potential donors to the athletic department would be spending their money unwisely by giving to athletics. "The wealthy Stony Brook graduate who is persuaded to donate \$100,000 toward a new field house," Sokolove writes, "might he instead have given the money to...

some other socially beneficial cause."

Truth of the matter is — and Sokolove himself points this out — there are individuals who donate to athletics exclusively. And then there are those who give to any cause that holds sentimental significance for them, whether or not it be because of athletics.



**SANDRA SAYS**  
Sandra B. Carreon

One of the wealthy Stony Brook graduates Sokolove could have alluded to is a man named Carl Hirsch. Hirsch said, "Any other donations I might or might not give to Stony Brook has nothing to do with athletics." Hirsch, the president and CEO of the Spectrum — where the Philadelphia Flyers and 76ers play — donated to the Rollie Massimino room in the Indoor Sports Complex. "I donated to the room because he's a very good friend of mine," Hirsch said, in reference to Massimino, a former Patriot coach. "It has a special meaning for me."

Members of this university have formed personal inclinations for particular departments. I can decide 10 years from now to give to the gym because I was a sports editor. Or, I can decide to fund the renovation of the Humanities building because I was an English major. People will donate their dollars to causes they feel deserve them. And many feel sports is a worthy enough cause.

Sokolove also seems to be of the belief that an athletic program is not "socially beneficial." This interpretation is superficial. Division I for Stony Brook would impact the various towns that surround campus. Games would generate excitement among students, Long Island residents and alums. Stony Brook would be uniting the community; this unity would be both beneficial and helpful to society: It would foster interaction and trust.

Lastly, Sokolove seems worried that the D-I Stony Brook athletic department would upstage the renown Stony Brook science research department. "Sports be-

come too much the university's focus," Sokolove writes, "and too much of its identity."

There's nothing wrong with identifying a university by its sports program. Oftentimes, it's the university's team name that sparks prospective students' interests. Sports and teams become vehicles of publicity for something larger — something called education. By giving a prospective student an area of focus or curiosity, in this case — athletics, the prospective student can grasp the *bigger* and *better* picture — what the university can offer academically. And Stony Brook has a lot to offer academically.

It is only natural that teams promote the school. After all, athletes are students of the institution and students are the institution's most effective ambassadors.

Duke's academic reputation has not been tarnished by the name Blue Devils; nor has Yale suffered from the successes of the Bulldogs. Besides, Stony Brook has distinguished itself as a strong research school for over 20 years. If the Patriots were to win the Rose Bowl tomorrow, that distinction will not suddenly disappear. On the contrary, it may be enhanced.

Cynics and skeptics may lead the Stony Brook community to think that the Division I switch is not feasible or sound. But as a member of this community, I need only to look at the poor game attendances, feel the state cutbacks affect my major and minor programs, see the lack of intermingling with neighboring towns and hear the criticisms that Stony Brook is a suitcase school to know that a Division I Stony Brook is the panacea that will end disinterest and apathy. A Division I Stony Brook would put more money back into the university, thereby bolstering academic programs state cutbacks have left deficient.

From one who lives here, who is part of life here and who roots for the scarlet and grey Patriots here, believe me when I say the elevation to D-I athletics for Stony Brook is a huge stride in the right direction.

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# Saddling up for spring

## Equestrian team looks to defend champ title

By Sharon Stauch  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook equestrian team plans to keep a tight rein on its Regional Championship status this season — a title the team has held for the last 12 years.

Since the team formed in 1967, it has played an integral role in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's history — capturing the national title in 1971 and 1980.

The IHSA currently has 200 colleges and universities throughout the United States involved in this sport. The organization's goal is to allow full-time college students the opportunity to learn and master the finer qualities of equitation, as well as experiencing the unique joys that horses bring to to one's life and being part of a team.

Stony Brook's 50-member team consists of a great diversity of beginners and advanced riders. "The advantage of such a large team is we can place our members in the level of competition they are being suited for," Kimberly Barry, the captain said, "giving full coverage for Stony Brook in every division. The team is working hard this semester. We have many beginner riders doing well in the walk-trot division and the entire team is pushing to improve their skills."

With Stony Brook holding on to first place with 133 points in Region 11, Hofstra is behind them in second. Coaches George Lukemire, associate professor of physical education, and Joan Johnson — both of

**"The team is working hard this semester. The entire team is pushing to improve their skills."**

— Kimberly Barry

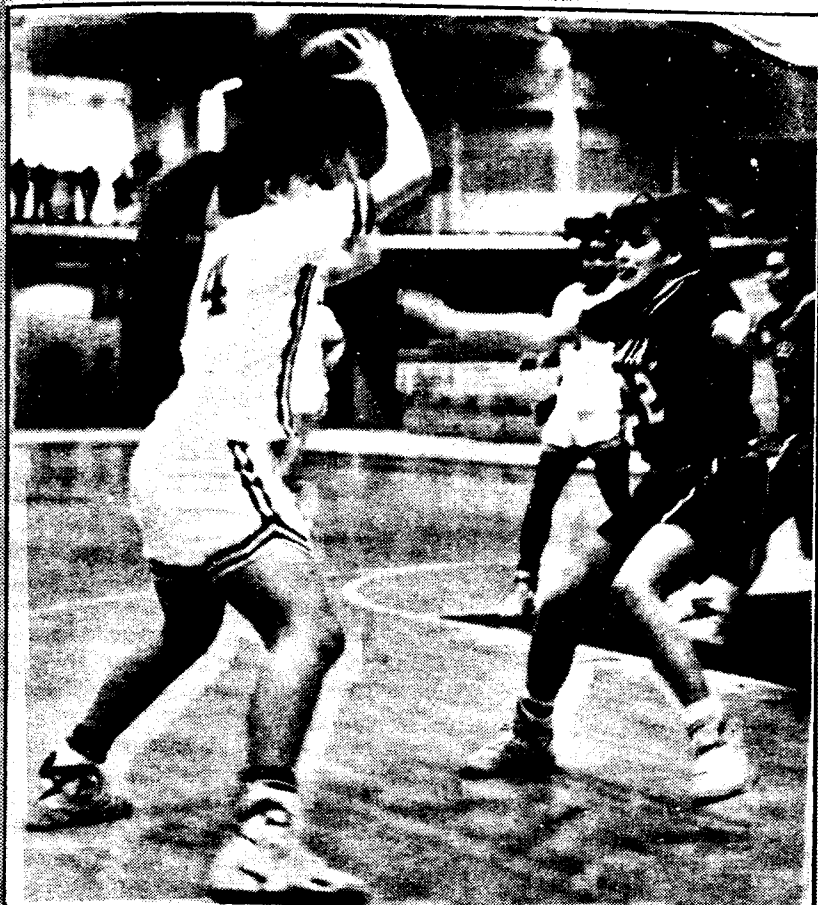
Smoke Run Farm — are making sure their athletes are concentrating on winning the first horse show of the semester on Feb. 23. This show is sponsored by Adelphi and Old Westbury and will take place at Gambling Farm in Westbury.

The following horse shows will be Mar. 8, hosted by C.W. Post at their Brookville campus and Mar. 15 at Touch-n-Go Farm hosted by Suffolk Community College.

Regional competitions will be held at the end of March with the nationals in May.

The 10 teams in Region 11 represent the major colleges and universities on Long Island. These teams usually host a horse show at their respective stables once a year; a majority of these horse shows occurred last semester.

Stony Brook is striving to score highly these last three shows to ensure their regional title. If the team succeeds it will gallop to Kentucky for the nationals.



Statesman/John O'Keefe

## SKID ROW

Stony Brook's women's basketball team ran into a roadblock Thursday when Skidmore College defeated them 68-49.

Skidmore opened up on a 16-2 run, but the Patriots closed it down to a six-point difference. Skidmore then went on a 10-2 run and led by 13 at the half.

In the second half, Skidmore surged ahead to lead by 20, but again the Pats closed the gap down to seven. Then Skidmore put the game away

when four of Stony Brook's starters fouled out.

Sophomore Joan Gandolf, who fouled out with five minutes remaining, was the only Patriot to reach double figures as she scored 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Head Coach Dec McMullen was frustrated with his team. "We shot 23 percent from the floor," McMullen said. "That's been the story all year. We're just not scoring."

— Aimee Brunelle



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## Marburger: D-II jump within 5 years

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

University President John Marburger told *Statesman* last week that the Division I initiative is proceeding more promisingly than some may think.

After last Wednesday's town meeting, in which Marburger discussed SUNY's current financial problems, he projected that Stony Brook would ascend to Division II within the next five years.

### Five Years — A Fair Estimate

Men's Athletic Director Sam Kornhauser believes that the five-year projection is a fair calculation.

"If you have some people that are pretty enthusiastic [about the move], five years [for Division II] is not an outrageous estimate," Kornhauser said. "Anything can happen."

Acting Director of Physical Education and Athletics John Ramsey concurs. "If the goal for the university is to have Division I status within the next eight or nine years, then I think Division II in the next five years is very

### THE ROAD TO DIVISION I

feasible," Ramsey said.

Engaging in Division II play is a prerequisite for a Division I transition. Institutions in D-II have to remain D-II for a five-year period. This period allows for a gradual schedule upgrade where the school vying for Division I status features some Division I competition.

### Financial Problems Won't Hurt Process

Despite SUNY budgetary problems, the university's attempt at an athletic status switch has not been hampered.

"Even if the state is having problems, the process won't be affected," said Fred Preston, vice-president for student affairs. "A lot of the initial dollars for the upgrade are private dollars."

### Positive Feedback

Marburger confirmed that he has received positive feedback regarding the decision. "I've received many letters telling me the move is a good idea," Marburger said. "I think for every 20 positive feedback I get, I get maybe one letter telling me it's not a good idea."

One alumni who has made donations to the Indoor Sports Complex, Carl Hirsch, applauds the endeavor. "I think it's a fabulous decision," said Hirsch, who is presi-

dent and CEO of the Spectrum in Philadelphia. "Just like everything else, there's a time to change. The trend in athletics is changing . . . For a major university like Stony Brook, staying in Division III would be living in the past."

### Committee Being Set Up

The committee Marburger planned to establish at the time of the announcement is currently "being set up," according to him. The function of the committee — which will include university, community and alumni leaders — is to examine and develop strategies for financing the move. "The committee should be operating by the end of the semester," Marburger said.

### Move Announced Dec. 5

The initiative to change the university's competitive classification was formally announced on Dec. 5. According to Marburger, the upgrade to the highest level of intercollegiate play would parallel Stony Brook's high-level academic reputation.

The estimated sum required to fund this transition is \$4 million. Most of this money will come from what Marburger refers to as "friends of the university," such as donors and corporate sponsors.

## Pats surge to playoffs

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

A Valiant effort by Manhattanville translated into futility Saturday night as the playoff-bound Patriots literally ran away with a 71-64 victory.

In front of 425 fans in the Indoor Sports Complex — the largest this year — Stony Brook closed the first half

with a ferocious 18-4 run to better the team's chances at a first-seed bid in the men's basketball post-season ECAC tournament.

Senior Michael Francis, honored before the game along with teammates Charwyn David and Lewis Howard for playing in their final regular season game, jumpstarted the surge with a three-pointer wish to tie the score at 18. Francis would bank another one from downtown during the run — the third of his game-high six threes in the night.

"They were going in for me," Francis said after the game. "I had a lot of different motivations tonight. My sisters and my father were here. I was a little more focused and it was the last regular season game of my career."

Sophomore Vernard Williams and junior captain Emeka Smith accounted for

two baskets each in the attack; sophomore Luc Baptiste and junior Ricky Wardally scored as well.

"That was the game," said Manhattanville Head Coach Ralph Tedesco. "We were doing well up until the last eight minutes of the first. They did what they had to do."

Prior to the Patriot scoring clinic, the Valiants had manufactured an impressive run of their own. Triggered by Vic Scipioni, Manhattanville outscored the Patriots 11-2 to seize an early 18-15 advantage. Scipioni recorded eight in the seven-minute span.

"Our Vic Scipioni did well," Tedesco said. "He matched up well to [Patriot] Ricky Wardally. Vic did to him what Rick did the last time we met."

The last time these two teams met on Feb. 6, Wardally had a double-double performance with 23 points and 14 rebounds while Scipioni had 18 and eight respectively.

Scipioni this time around had 23 points to go along with 13 boards; Wardally notched 12 and nine.

"I knew they were keying in on me," Wardally said after the contest, "that's probably why I shot like that [28 percent]. They played me tough. Scipioni wouldn't let me get the post at all."

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Mike Francis makes one of six three-pointers of the night Saturday

Statesman/Michael Lyons

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