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FIRE!

Blaze relocates 100, guts room

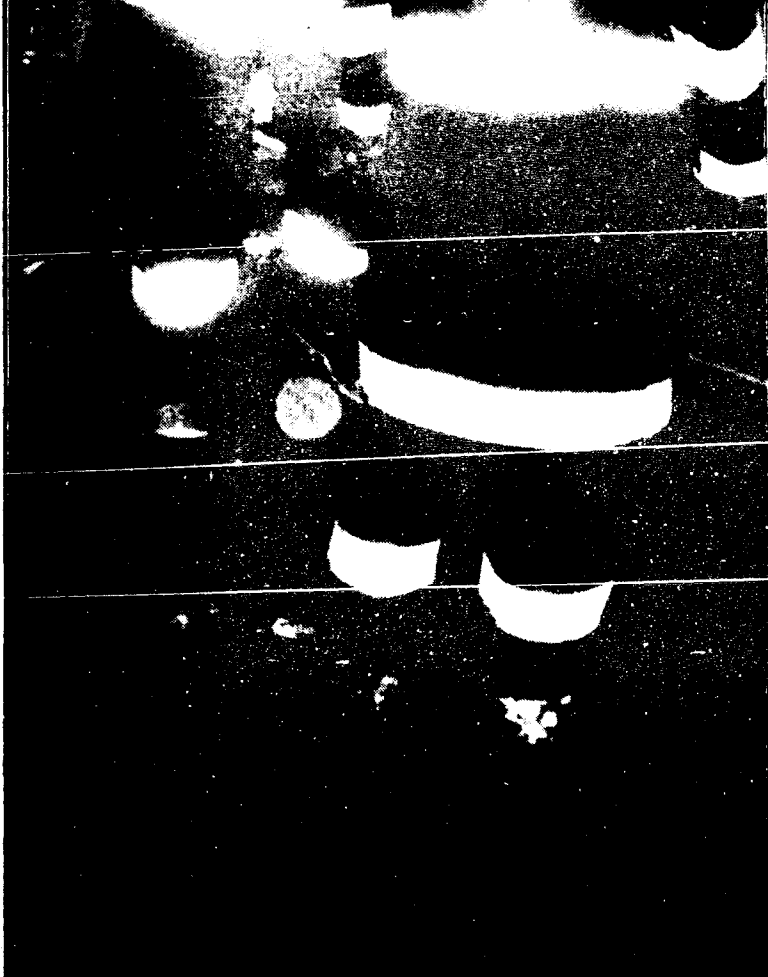
By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

More than 100 students were relocated and two people were injured after an electrical fire gutted a Dreiser College room late Tuesday.

One resident and one Public Safety officer suffered smoke inhalation and were treated and released from the University Hospital yesterday, said university spokeswoman Vicky Katz.

"It was a very, very hot fire," said Fire Chief Paul Gerrard, second-in-command for the Stony Brook Fire Department. Melted

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Statesman/Clyde Cook

Above: Stony Brook firefighters after Dreiser College blaze was extinguished; Above right: Charred room where 1,200-degree flames broke out late Tuesday.

Grass fire breaks out in Tabler; student attempts suicide

A small fire ignited outside Hand College last Thursday at about 12:30 am. No injuries were reported in the fire, which was caused by a burning bottle of shellac thrown from a window. The bottle landed on and ignited the grass below. There were no witnesses to identify who threw the bottle and Public Safety was unable to give an estimate of the damage.

POLICE BLOTTER

William Bongiorno

A female student attempted suicide last Saturday by swallowing 29 Advil capsules. The woman was treated and released from University Hospital and she was referred to the Office of Student Affairs.

A male student harassed a female student in the G/H Quad parking lot Monday. According to Public Safety, the woman's ex-boyfriend blocked her car in with his and opened her car door with a copy of her car key. He verbally abused her, pulled her hair, and slapped her in the face. She escaped and reported the incident the same day at 12:46 am. She refused

medical attention and did not press charges against her ex-boyfriend.

An unidentified man wearing a ski mask threatened a female student with a knife at about 6:45 pm last Friday in the South P-lot. The man tried to grab the student's book bag before she escaped unharmed. There were no witnesses to the attack and Public Safety has no leads.

A brown 1979 Volkswagen Rabbit was stolen from the North P-lot lot last Wednesday at 10:20 pm. Public Safety has no leads and there were no witnesses to the theft of the vehicle, which was valued at \$200.

Several incidents of car vandalism occurred in Chapin F lot Sunday at about 9 pm. Among the incidents, a white 1987 Chevrolet had its headlights and tail lights broken. The damage totalled \$180.

A car was vandalized in a Tabler Quad parking lot last Thursday. The total damage was \$400. A witness to this incident said four white males ran to another car and drove away. Public Safety has a lead and is conducting an investigation.

NYPIRG funding debate heats up

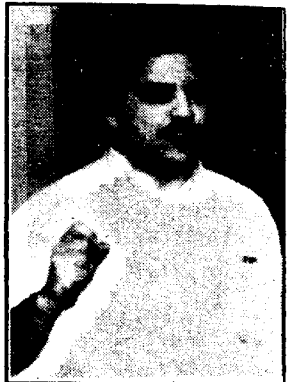
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Debate surrounding the legitimacy of Polity's funding of special interest groups — which was sparked by a recent court ruling — continued last night, as New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) representatives confronted the Polity Senate.

The court decision essentially granted student advocacy groups the right to be funded despite political activity, but mandates that these groups spend on campus at least as much as they receive from the campuses they serve. The court asked a lower court to determine the legality of the groups' spending on campus.

Several senators challenged Stony Brook NYPIRG's claim that it spends an equivalent amount of money on campus as its \$55,000 per year it receives through Polity.

But NYPIRG Executive Director Jay Halfon told the senate last night that unrelated fundraising allows the group to spend more than its \$55,000 budget on the Stony Brook campus.



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Jay Halfon

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Polity blasts meal plan hike proposal

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

Many Polity senators lashed out at food service representatives last night, saying that the quality of the service did not warrant a raise in meal plan price.

With few exceptions, senators condemned the Automated Retailers of America (ARA), which began campus food service last September, for its proposal last week to raise the price of meal plans.

ARA representatives told students at last night's Polity Senate meeting that unforeseen costs, cost miscalculations and substantial financial problems have necessitated meal plan increase considerations.

Bob Junghandeo, district manager for ARA told the senate that ARA planned to break even during its first year on campus, but it suffering a substantial loss.

"I think at this point, we're looking at [an increase] somewhere around \$80 a semester," Junghandeo. He said that if no increases are implemented, ARA will be unable to continue its service on campus at the current quality level.

Many senators expressed outrage at the proposed increases.

"We're paying more and I think you've let the university down," said Ron Nehring, commuter college senator. "You should either lower your food costs or raise the quality."

"The general consensus of this meeting is [that] we don't like what's going on," said Bridgid Buchheit, senator for O'Neill College.

Several senators said that an increase

in price would be reasonable if it was paralleled with an increase in quality of food service.

Polity President Dan Slepian said that if an increase does come, "we need to see an increase in quality."

Pajarita Charles, resident of Benedict College, said an increase was realistic, but ARA should "try for a minimal increase and ask to see what we're paying for."

"We're trying to develop a good history," said Junghandeo. "We sincerely want to improve every day."

But challenges came from senators who had experienced problems with the quality of ARA and its service.

Senator Sean German of Greeley College said he had found a piece of plastic in his food last semester and was not treated well. "I brought it to the manager and he looked at me like I just spit on his shoes," he said. Other senators agreed.

But Michelle Malone, senator for Hand College, said she found a piece of hair in her food in the Roth cafeteria, but found that the managers were "nothing but apologetic."

Although the senate was consistently critical of the food service through most of the 90 minute discussion, a minority sympathized with ARA.

"It's really hard to feed . . . 14,000 people in the most accommodating fashion," said Charles. "They have been most accommodating when I have special requests."

Junghandeo said the senate's criticisms



Statesman/Michael Lyons

Bob Junghandeo, right, and John Rainey or ARA face senate last night

will not be taken lightly. "I promise that we will try to meet your expectations," he said.

Junghandeo told *Statesman* that changes have been made to accommodate students' needs.

Although Nehring said the Union Station Deli's prices were unreasonable, Junghandeo said prices are determined in comparison to "a local deli or a 7 Eleven," which deals with similar volume in its stores.

Slepian, who is also a member of the Food Service Committee — responsible

for advising officials on meal plan increases — said the decision will be made later this month. He said he is currently looking for alternatives to increased rates, but if there is no increase, ARA will not be able to offer its services and FSA will be forced to field new bids for the contract.

A source close to the Food Service Committee expressed concern that ARA may have "low-balled," or purposely underestimated costs, to win the bid, but the committee has not yet addressed the issue, the source said.

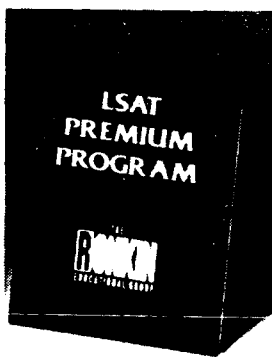
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The Psycho Racist Nazi Cross-Burner

WHILE AMERICA WAS SO enthralled with the results of the Clarence Thomas hearings, the state of Louisiana was deciding who should be its next governor. Usually gubernatorial races in other states are not of major significance to people outside the state, but the one in the land of jazz music and gumbo, along with the Thomas hearings and George Bush's veto of the 1990 Civil Rights Bill, is a prime example of backwards American politics.

It is hard to believe that in 1991 a politician who has admitted he was once a grand wizard in the Ku Klux Klan is a candidate who is taken as a serious threat to win the governorship of a state. But that is what is happening with David Duke and the governor's chair in Louisiana. Here is a man who has been involved with the KKK since his early teens and has openly espoused Nazism. Duke is a man who has admitted to participating in the burning of crosses and had celebrated Adolph Hitler's birthday through the mid-1980s. Only God and the KKK know what he has done that he has not admitted to. This is a man who even George "Civil Rights? What are those?" Bush and the national Republican party won't even support because of his dealings in the past.

And he still got 32 percent of the vote against two other candidates!

How could America, white or black, let an avowed racist rise so high in the political ranks of our country. Less than 10 years ago he was a grand wizard of a nationwide organization of terror to anyone who is not

a WASP. But now because he said he found religion, everything is fine and we should accept him for his new found ways. Is Jewish America ever going to forgive Jesse Jackson, a reverend no less, for his "Hymietown" remark? The answer to that is clear. So why hasn't black and Jewish America, and for that matter, anyone who is annoyed by racists and who is not a WASP spoken up with any kind of authority to put this Neanderthal of a candidate back into the cave from which he crawled out?



TONES OF SEDITION

Dwayne Andrews

Not even his opponents who were trying to beat him attacked him on his past, which to me would have been a sure way to bury him 12, not 6 feet under. Edwin Edwards, the former governor of Louisiana and one of Duke's opponents, refused to bring up Duke's past because he knew that his own was not so sterling. Edwards was suspected of corruption in his last term as governor and did not want to hear the allegations arise again, so to save political face he let a racist go through an election virtually unscathed.

Even though he did not use overtly racist words Duke got voters support using, as the *New York Times* put it, "code-words." According to the *Times*, Duke said he would cut the costs of social services by reducing "the illegitimate welfare birth rate." He also vowed not to raise taxes and labeled racial quota hirings as unfair to qualified whites. The illegitimate welfare birth rate?! I wonder who racist Duke is referring to when he makes these statements. Obviously Republican politics of creating fear of blacks amongst whites is alive in Louisiana, regardless of whether George "Willie

Horton's gonna get you" Bush is behind the candidate or not.

The question that I would like answered is, how does someone with Duke's track record get this far in the American political scene without immediately getting run out of town? It is getting more and more obvious that some segments of America are reverting back to the days of Jim Crow. And the only people we have to blame is ourselves. The political complacency of our people now that we are not segregated any more and the 'let it be' attitude of black America, combined with our electoral apathy, are taking their toll on the policies of American government. The national outcry has not been loud enough for Duke to be stopped and he will not be stopped as long as the attitude in America is "how will this effect me immediately." If Duke wins the governorship and shores up Republican allies in that state he could be candidate for the presidency for years to come. It is a scary thought indeed, one that should remind American minorities that no matter how far we have gotten we can still revert back to our oppressed times if we let our guard down.

The bottom line is that things are not well in America. This is obvious when a psycho racist Nazi-cross-burner Hitler-loving maniac is a serious consideration for the governorship in one of our 50 states. Who is to blame? Everyone that let it happen. From the 32 percent of the Louisiana voters, who voted for him, to me for not beefing with my congressman, my local chapter of the NAACP, or anyone else with some power and media notoriety and telling them to get their act together and protest this backwards political development in the South.

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Loliscio found guilty in campus assault

By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Staff Writer

Christopher Loliscio, the Stony Brook man serving a 25-year to life sentence for the 1989 rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl, was convicted Tuesday of third degree assault for hitting and threatening a Stony Brook faculty member in 1988.

Loliscio was found guilty of beating a ceramics instructor, Richard Reuter, when Loliscio and a friend, William Beyrer, were in the Student Union after a night out, according to Drew Biondo, spokesman for the Suffolk County district attorney. But Loliscio was acquitted of a menacing charge stemming from the same incident.

Paul Gianelli, Loliscio's attorney, told *Statesman* he felt things may have been blown out of proportion because of his client's murder conviction last year.

"Reuter was extremely theatrical in his recounting of the events and I think he came on to these two drunken kids strong which was definitely a contributed escalating factor," Gianelli said.

"The judge was very experienced and the judge found him guilty," said District Attorney James Catterson. "The defense attacks everything but the witness and blames everyone but the right person," he said.

Catterson said the attack, which took place in the basement of the Student Union, resulted from an argument that caused Reuter, a karate expert, to throw the first punch because he was suspicious of the men.

"Reuter used terms like 'cover punch' and 'parried the knife' in court; he is a karate aficionado and the hostility seemed

to have been raised by him," Gianelli said.

Loliscio was found to have attacked Reuter with an apple corer at the University Crafts Center on Dec. 13, 1988, said Biondo.

Gianelli said he believes this is not an unusual case and would have been low key if Loliscio had not been a murder convict and Reuter took this chance to make the incident public.

"I've met [Reuter], cross examined him a number of times and he is someone who I cannot figure out," Gianelli said. "He

is someone who wants to feel important."

Catterson said he feels these explanations do not excuse Loliscio's actions.

"It seems that Gianelli is trying to make a brick-house out of straw," Catterson said. "His client is guilty of vicious attacks."

Catterson said Loliscio's chances for parole are now less likely because of the assault conviction.

But Gianelli said the incident is monumental only because of who his client is.

"I think that this particular incident really involved a couple of youths drinking," Gianelli said. "There was bad judgment on their part."

Loliscio will serve his sentence concurrently with his sentence for the 1989 rape and murder of then-14-year-old Jessica Manners.

Charges are still pending against Beyrer, a 25-year-old Massapequa man who is alleged to have been involved in the same incident.

CRs launch campaign kickoff

By Micael Lyons
Statesman Assistant Photo Editor

The Stony Brook College Republicans mobilized campus Republicans for the up-coming elections at their campaign kickoff meeting Tuesday night in the Student Union.

The most immediate concern is the election for the pivotal seat on the Suffolk County Legislature, left vacant by Steven Englebright when he was elected to the State Assembly to represent the fourth district, said Ron Nehring, president for the Stony Brook chapter of the College Republicans. Obtaining this seat is crucial to the Republicans, because if they can do so, they will hold two-thirds of the seats in the Suffolk County Legislature, enabling them to control the legislation, said Ary Rosenbaum, vice president.

Local businessman Mark Hildreth, who is seeking nomination by the Repub-

lican party in the election for the vacant seat, was the event's guest speaker.

The special election for the vacant Legislature seat will be held within the next three months, according to Rosenbaum. This presents a unique opportunity for the College Republicans, because, according to Rosenbaum, "in special elections, the turnout is low, mobilization is the most important thing, and the College Republicans have proven they are good at this."

Hildreth, whose family owns a business in Port Jefferson Station, equated running the government to running a business. He vowed to return to "conservative Republicanism," cutting taxes and eliminating services the county could not afford. Rosenbaum said, "This seat could put us over the top," making the Democrats the minority, preventing them from "having a say" and "raising taxes."

In terms of the presidential race, the

College Republicans are prevented from endorsing a candidate by their New York State constitution, said Rosenbaum. The College Republicans did display campaign signs for President George Bush, citing that they were brought back from New Hampshire, where the College Republicans campaigned for Bush in the primaries.

The College Republicans also discussed the funding of New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), and its legality. Nehring has consistently opposed Polity's funding of the group, an organization he calls politically biased. Polity Senator Richard Cole called Jeremy Potter, NYPIRG's project coordinator, "a hired political gun," because that Potter is not a student at the university.

The Stony Brook College Republicans also ran an information session on their organization and its goals for the semester.

NYPIRG defends group's activity funding

NYPIRG from page 2

The decision also mandated that NYPIRG stop claiming that its membership includes all activity fee-paying students. NYPIRG's membership claim is now limited to the number of active students in the group.

This aspect of the decision is "a mere technicality," said Halfon. "It has no effect whatsoever on students' ability to participate in NYPIRG's vote."

He added that NYPIRG would amend its bylaws to reflect the court's ruling.

"That is not a mere technicality. It is a serious ruling," said Ron Nehring, commuter senator, who has consistently opposed Polity's funding of special interest groups like NYPIRG. "You can only claim to represent... those who participate and choose to become a member."

Halfon also said the ruling was ambiguous about groups' spending. NYPIRG currently spends money off the campuses they serve, but the money is used for the betterment of the campuses they serve, he said.

"The only question is, Are you furthering the educational mission here at Stony Brook?" he said. He added that athletic teams, student governments and other organizations spend money off-campus like NYPIRG and NYPIRG will not change its spending policies.

"We're already in complete compliance of the ruling," he said.

In support of NYPIRG, Polity President Dan Slepian said, "Most of [Polity's] money is spent off-campus." And he called the senate's opponents of NYPIRG "the kingpins of manipulation."

Slepian told the senate that Polity would have to wait for an order by the Office of Student Affairs before deciding the fate of NYPIRG's and other groups' funding.

"Obviously NYPIRG is biased. Obviously [Nehring] is biased," said Slepian. "None of us... are experts enough to discuss the issue."

Halfon said that even if the senate voted to discontinue funding NYPIRG, it is better than the court deciding that the group can not be funded. He said the court's ruling was a "tremendous victory... for students and the universit[ies]."

The controversy was strengthened by a decision in the United States Court of Appeals earlier this month that affirmed the constitutionality of "political advocacy groups" funding through universities' mandatory student activity fees. Although those opposed to funding the groups said they were forced to support views that were

biased and unrepresentative, the court held that "the promotion of extra-curricular life, the transmission of skills and civic duty,... together are substantial enough to justify the infringement of appellants' First Amendment right against compelled speech."

(David Joachim contributed to this story.)

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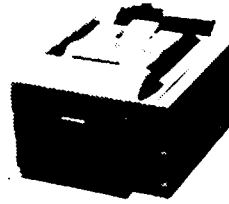


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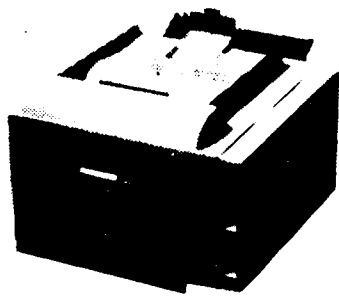
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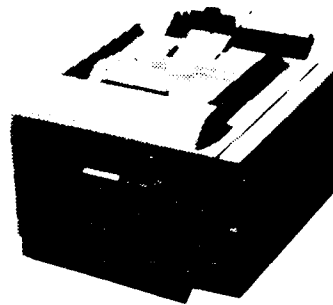


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Fire guts dorm room

FIRE from page 1

aluminum in room 212A indicated a peak temperature of at least 1,200 degrees, said Leo DeBobes, assistant director of University Public Health and Safety.

Worst Campus Fire in 12 Years

"We made advancement . . . and knocked it down pretty well," Gerrard said of the fire — which officials called the worst fire on the Stony Brook campus in 12 years. The blaze was caused by an electrical appliance that surged and shorted out, DeBobes said.

The entire wing was severely flooded by water used to drench the blaze, forcing the temporary relocation of all residents in the wing, said Al Devries, assistant director of campus residences. Residents of Dreiser, which is in Tabler Quad, were allowed yesterday to retrieve possessions, but no residents will receive permission to return until tomorrow, he said.

36 Relocated for Semester

The 36 second floor residents will be relocated for the remainder of the semester, but first and third floor residents will be given the option to return to their rooms or find other quarters, Devries said. Rooms in other buildings are available, he said. Despite the division's offer to house residents in open rooms, most students affected chose to stay with friends until they are allowed back.

Stony Brook fire trucks arrived at the scene in approximately five minutes, said Gerrard. Firefighters from the Setauket, Coram and Saint James fire departments arrived minutes later, part of a team of more than 90 firefighters. The fire was extinguished in about three to four minutes, he said.

The fire originated in the room at about 11:30 pm Tuesday. Students Alicia Phid and Nicole Nobles, occupants of the room, were in the C room of the suite, said DeBobes, who also works in the Stony Brook Fire Department. The smoke and heat detectors alerted the residents of Dreiser and the building was evacuated immediately, he said.

Resident Disregards Alert

But one resident, Daubener Seintullis, who lives directly above the burned room, did not respond to the alarms despite the appearance of 17 emergency vehicles, including fire trucks, ambulances and Public Safety patrol cars, Gerrard said.

Gerrard, who was inside the building during the extinguishing of the fire, said Seintullis did not respond to knocks on his door by firefighters who were searching for remaining residents.

Gerrard said Seintullis was unaware of the fire, and protested, "Well, what are you guys doing here?" He was taken out of the building and was treated for smoke inhalation, said Gerrard.

More than \$10,000 in Damage

University officials began assessing damages early this morning, but said structural damages could only be estimated roughly "in excess of \$10,000." Dallas Bauman, director of the Division of Campus Residences, told *Statesman* that personal damages will probably not be compensated to the residents by the university. Residents had not completed evaluations of their personal losses by press time. DeBobes said there was a group of students who were "so traumatized" that such assessments were not a priority.

Residents Shocked

Many residents of Dreiser College were shocked by the experience.

"People were standing around and all of a sudden, you started seeing flames," said Julian Lewycky, a resident of

Dreiser. "[It was] really crazy," said Showndeo Gittens, another Dreiser resident. "We thought the whole thing was going to blow."

"By the time the fire trucks got here there were flames shooting out the window," said Dreiser resident Jack Sheppard.

Environmental Health and Safety officials tested yesterday for asbestos contamination — building materials that have been found to be cancer-causing — but report that no such materials exist in the dormitory.

DeBobes said the majority of the damage was limited to suite 212, and the extensive damage outside the A room was caused by superheated gases, water and smoke and not flames. He said the fire damage was limited because the residents closed the suite door upon their escape.

Room Gutted, Charred

Room 212A was gutted as a result of the fire. Charred, twisted bed frames with the mattresses burned almost completely away lay strewn on the floor. The first layer of the ceiling was stripped away by high-pressured hoses during the containment of the fire. The walls, burned and cracked, showed distinct signs about three feet off the floor of where the fire originated. The floor, a mound of drenched soot, was covered with piles of ash. A computer system, almost completely incinerated, lay in the middle of the room. The aluminum window frame was mostly melted away as a result of the intense heat that climbed above 1,200 degrees, Gerrard said.

Windows Shattered

The rest of the suite was covered with a thick layer of soot and the floor was drenched. Smoke detectors in the B and C rooms were melted as a result of the superheated gases. Windows throughout the suite were shattered by firemen in order to vent the gases smoke during containment.



Statesman/Marcos Boronat

Aluminum window frame melted by 1,200-degree heat from flames

The hallway and ceiling immediately outside the room were charred, a result of the escape of gases as firefighters entered the scene. Surrounding suites suffered smoke damages.

Repairmen were present throughout the affected area yesterday, as doors and windows were replaced, and the fire alarm system was restored.

(Marcos Boronat, Darren B. Davis, David Joachim, Jana S. Katz and John O'Keefe contributed to this story.)



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Editorial

Reaction to Dreiser Fire Was Key to Safety

The fire that destroyed room 212 A of Dreiser College Tuesday night was a tragedy for many: the shock of possible injury or death, the loss of property and the upheaval from home.

What could possibly be the silver lining of this dark cloud that settled itself over Dreiser?

How about the exhibition of extreme competence by the Stony Brook administration and students in dealing with the fire and its aftermath?

That's right. It's one of those seemingly rare moments where we must applaud our campus residents and bureaucrats for a job very well done.

Firstly, cheers to the residents of suite 212 for having enough sense to close the main door of the suite.

This contained the fire and most severe damages to the room. Whether these students acted consciously or merely out of instinct, their actions prevented countless additional damages.

Secondly, let's hear it for the Stony Brook, Setauket, Coram and Saint James fire departments. If not for their rapid response time and containment of the fire, additional damages aside, the lone student that failed to respond to fire alarms might not have lived to regret his inaction.

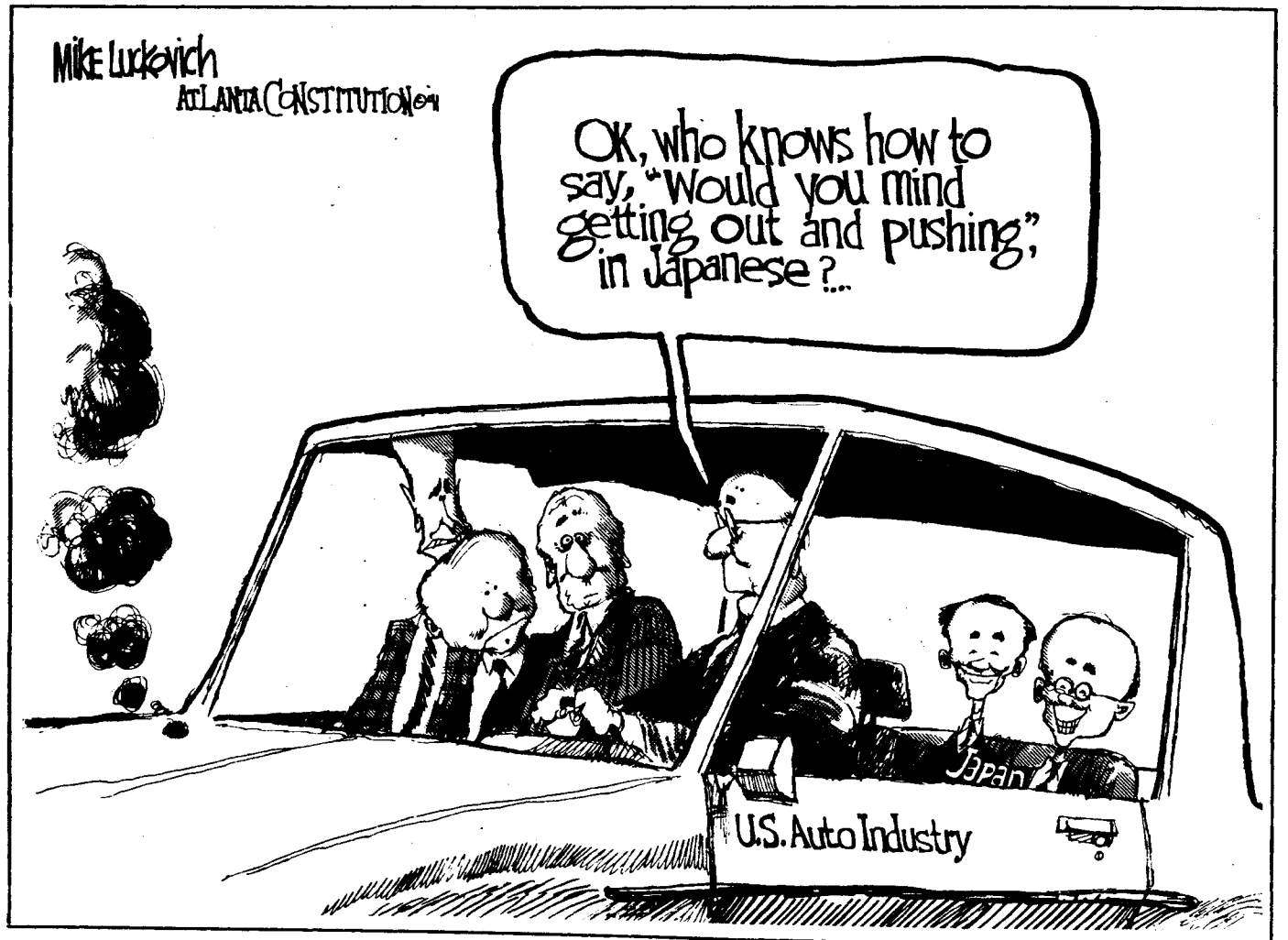
Next, let us not forget the Division of Campus Residences for its rapid handling of the situation. If not for the efficient accommodation for those students who couldn't find a place to stay, a bad situation could have been

potentially worse.

Also, the immediate mobilization of cleanup crews to Dreiser and the extra effort to clean the mess enabled students on the first and third floors to move back in as soon as tomorrow. Residents of the second floor are also being accommodated with alternative rooms quickly and comfortably.

Finally, thanks to all of you. If not for friends willing to take each other in and lend support in a time of crisis, a worst case scenario was avoided.

It's certainly comforting to know that despite 12 years without a severe campus fire, the campus reacted as if it were an every day occurrence. We can all feel a bit safer knowing that when crisis hits, Stony Brook hits back with force.



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Cartoon Did Haitians Injustice

To the Editor:

We, the Haitian Students' Organization of Stony Brook, would like to address our dismay over the Thursday, Feb. 13 issue of *Statesman*. Specifically we refer to a cartoon which was intended to be a satire on the situation which our brothers and sisters are currently experiencing. We feel that the satire is a gross oversimplification of what could be considered conspiracy on the part of the American government for the greater part of 70 years.

Because of the ousting of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in the fall of 1991, the nation of Haiti is in a state of turmoil.

There is a widespread repression and those even suspected of supporting President Aristide are in peril. This condition has forced thousands of Haitians to flee from Haiti and seek political asylum in other countries, the United States in particular. This has caused what could possibly be an embarrassing situation for the U.S. government. If the United States accepts the Haitian refugees, then it is in effect admitting that there is a problem in Haiti. However, the American government does not want to do this because it would then implicate itself in the condoning and support of dictatorships in Haiti for the last 70 years dating back to the U.S. invasion of Haiti in 1915. There would be no way the U.S. could justify going to war to liberate Kuwait or accepting Cuban or Russian refugees and yet allowing a despotic regime to stay in power in Haiti and refuse its people who are seeking political asylum.

Statesman has gone on record as saying that part of its goal is "to broaden our scope and to improve coverage." Yet very little if anything has been done by the *Statesman* to educate the Stony Brook community on the situation in Haiti and the satire does little but to make light of the plight of the Haitian refugees. Being the "mainstream" newspaper of Stony Brook, *Statesman* has the responsibility of treating such subject as they should be treated — with a certain degree of seriousness and with respect to the people of Haiti on and off campus. We, the Haitian Students' Organization feel that the cartoon is printed in the Feb. 13 issue was done in extremely poor taste and did little but perpetuate a climate of ignorance on campus.

The Haitian Students' Organization

Abuse at the Top

To the Editor:

It is rather strange, to say the least, that Thomas Swift, arrested for having a forged permit for handicapped students' parking, admits that his action was illegal only after he had been arrested, ["No Parking," Feb. 17].

Assuming that Swift graduated from high school with enough (academic) qualifications to be admitted to SUNY Stony Brook, I find it extremely difficult to follow his reasoning and to believe his ignorance.

Isn't a handicapped parking permit an official document, issued by authorities specifically for handicapped people, after they have been found eligible? Such a document may not and should not be copied by anyone. No official document I know, driver license, passport, birth certificate, may be reproduced with the intent to be issued in lieu of the original — unless authorized.

That Swift's father has a valid permit for handicapped parking and that Swift himself has requested such a permit, doesn't justify his illegal act in any way. He should have been informed about the matter before he decided to copy the permit. After all, he knew which authority (Brookhaven Town) to approach.

If Swift plans to run for public office, he has started out on the wrong foot and he knows it. I think that he should resign as a Polity senator, having abused university policy and/or privilege, designed for those who are less fortunate in getting around on campus.

After all, when he ran for office he promised to represent all, including the handicapped students, equally. As for being handcuffed, Swift can find out whether that was legal and/or justified too. Instead of assuming, he can call the authorities.

Swift should apologize to the campus community for

having taken up handicapped parking space with a forged document before he goes after Herb Petty as he said he would. He should remember as well, the late Sammy Davis Jr.'s title song "Don't do the crime if you can't do the time."

Clemens Verbeek

Statesman Sports: The Best?

To the Editor:

I was quite bemused to find, in the Feb. 3 issue, a house advertisement inviting prospective writers to "Join *Statesman Sports*, first place winner of the 1991 *Newsday* College Journalism Awards." As one who is well versed in the true facts of the matter, I would feel remiss if I did not shed the light of truth on this issue.

Your reference to *Newsday's* 1991 College Journalism Awards is genuine only insofar as there was such an event. Your reference to the fact that *Statesman Sports* was named "first place winner" is wildly inaccurate because no such thing happened. The 1991 *Newsday* School Journalism Awards consisted of a number of contests for the best single article written by a member of a college newspaper staff, with one of the categories being best sports article. There was no category for best overall sports section. As such, *Statesman Sports* can in no way claim to

have been named "first place winner of the 1991 *Newsday* College Journalism Awards." All *Statesman* can do is boast of having the writer who won the award for best sports article of 1991.

This it could once do, but, alas, no longer can. The article that won the award for best sports article was an article written by me on the opening of the Indoor Sports Complex, an article which appeared in October of 1990, while I was *Statesman* associate sports editor. I have since left *Statesman* and no one who presently constitutes the sports section of *Statesman* was a member of the staff at the time the article was written. It follows that *Statesman Sports* can in no way claim to have been named "first place winner of the 1991 *Newsday* College Journalism Awards."

Peter Parides

(Editor's Note: The writer is a former sports editor of *Statesman*.)

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Seniors exit playing days with style

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

Maybe 10 years from now fans of the Division I Stony Brook basketball team will scarcely take a trip down nostalgia's lane to the days when the Patriots were a Division III powerhouse. Maybe 10 years from now the 4,000-seat Indoor Sports Complex will have been transformed into the 17,000-seat Patriot Dome — complete with luxury skyboxes and a state-of-the-art Diamond Vision instant replay monitor. And maybe 10 years from now, names linked to the Stony Brook D-III past will only serve as mere symbols of just how far the D-I basketball team has gone. But don't tell Lewis, Michael and Charwyn that.

Lewis Howard, Michael Francis and Charwyn David will become parts of the proverbial past in a couple of weeks, as they don their Patriots jerseys for the last time during the upcoming post-season playoffs. And while the possible first-seed ECAC bid is a welcome invitation, it's a bittersweet reminder that for these players, the so-called good old days with their team is over. But they are days these men won't soon forget.

"There's nothing I won't miss," shooting guard Francis said. "I'll miss everything. Believe it or not I'll miss practice most — practicing everyday, the togetherness on and off the court."

Teammate and point guard Howard concurs. "I'm going to miss my teammates," Howard said. "It was just great to be part of a team. It's more than basketball. I learned a lot by being around friends."

As friends and as players, the three

graduating Patriots enjoyed their most successful year last season, albeit their most painful memory.

During the 1990-'91 campaign, Stony Brook reached round two of the NCAA tournament on the wings of a 23-4 record. And because each of these men assumed integral roles, it comes as no surprise that the eventual defeat to the Rochester Yellowjackets hurt them.

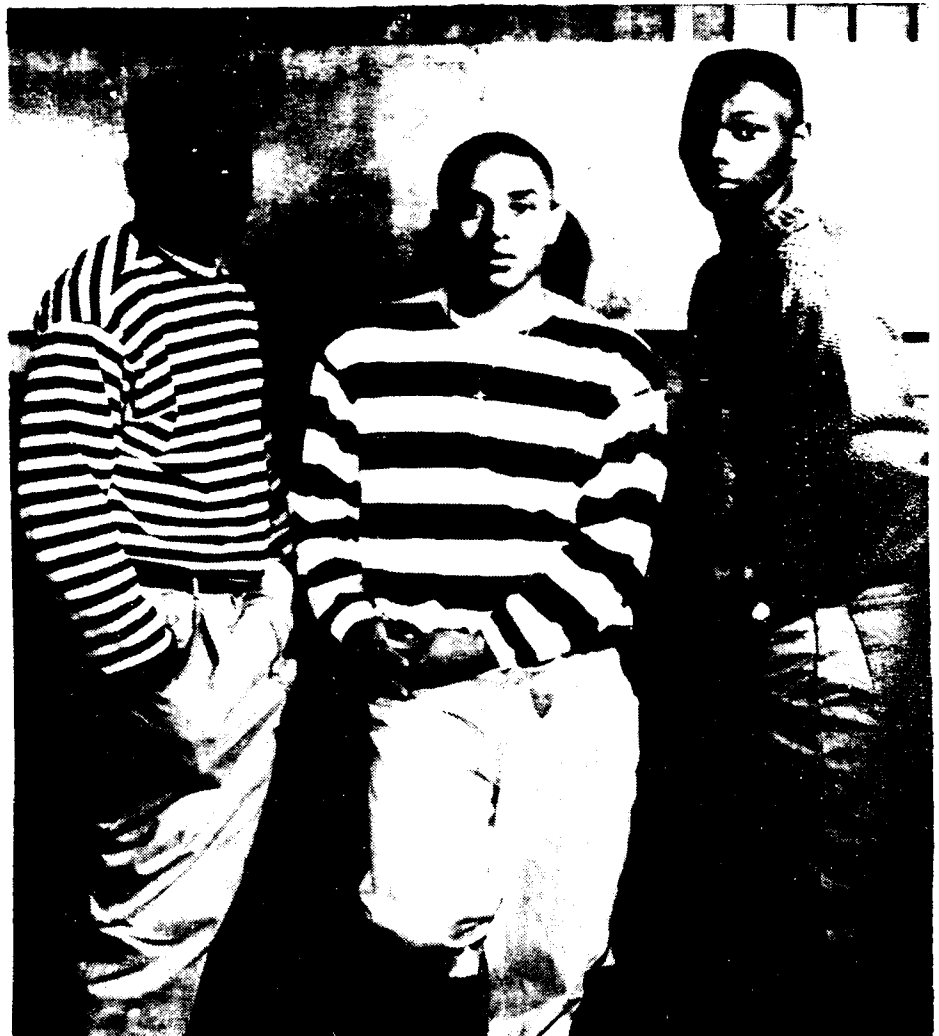
"Losing to Rochester has to be my worst memory," David said. "I honestly felt we had the team that could win the championship. After the loss we were all shocked. I went to the lunchroom the day after we lost. It felt as if everybody was looking at me as if to say, 'You're all losers,' because everyone expected us to go so far."

The Patriots with Howard, Francis and David have indeed gone far but the idea that they were "losers" is very far removed from the truth, at least according to their coach.

"We're really going to miss these guys," Head Coach Bernard Tomlin said. "We just wish them luck in whatever they are going to do."

What the players want to do is to be remembered. They want to be known as the athletes who helped maintain the strong Stony Brook basketball foundation. "I want people to remember that I never quit," Howard said. "I wasn't a quitter. I was always there through thick and thin."

Howard's coach will have no trouble identifying Howard with this description. "If there was an award to be given to a guy who has given his all to the team . . . it



Statesman/John O'Keefe

(L to R) Seniors Michael Francis, Lewis Howard, Charwyn David

would be given to Lewis Howard," Tomlin said.

Similarly, Francis wants to be known as the man "with unlimited range," in that "as soon as I pass half court, I feel that I'm open," Francis said.

Tomlin acknowledges Francis' contributions. "Michael has provided us with leadership," Tomlin said, "and has been a potent offensive weapon."

Likewise, Tomlin cites David's value to the team — his ability and intelligence that served to stabilize the young '92 squad.

What Howard, Francis and David have given to the Patriots may not be the topic of conversation 10 years from now, but it is what they have given to the Patriots that

ensures there will be a 10 years from now.

"[The program] is definitely going to excel," Howard said. "A professional man like Tomlin will keep Stony Brook winning."

Francis agrees because it is Stony Brook basketball that has helped him mature. "Tomlin's style has let me be more of a man," Francis said. "He gave us the attitude that we have to motivate ourselves to be men — to be adults."

That each can consider himself an "adult" as a result of playing Patriot ball means each can consider himself a successful one for having played Patriot ball with heart. Because in sports, heart is the legacy that gives credence to success.

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Express shows off speed at CTCs

By Tony McMullen
Special to Statesman

What has eight legs and can run a mile in 3:21.89? The answer is clear to those who have witnessed the explosive speed of the four-member indoor track relay team known as the "Stony Brook Express."

The all-sophomore relay team of Jerry Canada, Anderson Vilien, Chris Wilson and Roger Gill, in addition to being named VIP/*Statesman* Athletes of the Week for the week of Feb. 17, captured the Collegiate Track Conference one-mile relay championship this weekend while setting a new university record and nearly qualifying for the NCAA indoor championships outright. Their performance in the CTCs earned them NCAA provisional status which equates to becoming candidates for an at-large bid to compete in the season-ending championships in Wisconsin on March 14 and 15.

"There was a big crowd and a lot of hype surrounding this race," recalled Jerry Canada. With over 20 teams, including several Division I institutions, taking part at the CTCs in New Haven, the Express was just looking to improve its eighth place finish of a year ago and earn some points for the team competition. "We had been third most of the meet but had fallen back into fourth right before the relay," said Head Coach Steve Borbet. "They had to perform well for us to take third back." Looking to take out their frustrations from mediocre performances in their individual events, the relay team wanted to "put it all together when it counted."

Unfazed by the pressure and significance of the race, the four runners met for a short prayer, a ritual of theirs before every race. "I had a vision we were going to win it," Canada said. Canada, running against the top three finishers in the 400-meter race held earlier in the meet, realized his job coming out of the blocks. "I knew I didn't have to win my leg of the race, just keep us close to the lead."

After Canada handed the baton to Vilien in what they both termed a "fair, not great exchange," Vilien maintained third place but closed the gap between him and the frontrunners. Vilien then handed to Wilson, who admitted responsibility for a minor technical error in the exchange. "I tried to take the stick too early," Wilson said. After the exchange, Wilson used the first 200 meters of his leg to hold his position and then closed in on the leader in the last 200 meters.

"When I took the hand off and caught sight of the leader, he was about 15 meters in front," said Gill, the anchorman. "I didn't

want to go out too fast so I went at what I thought was a comfortable pace. I guess that was fast enough as I caught the second place runner and tucked behind the leader with about 50 meters left."

Canada, watching the conclusion of the race as a bystander admitted "that was when I knew we had won it." Gill then passed the final competitor and crossed the finish line with a cushion of eight or nine meters.

The victory provided Stony Brook with a third place finish in the team competition,

just three points behind runner-up Montclair State. "Our primary goal is to finish first," said Vilien, "and when that is accomplished we look at our time." Although their sights may be set on a trip to the NCAA championships, the welfare of the Patriot indoor team comes first. "Even though we have our own 'Express' nickname, we support all of our teammates," said Canada.

The chemistry among this talented group may be the key ingredient which earns them a trip to Steven Point, Wisconsin in three weeks. Three of the four relay

team members ran together last year when they were dubbed "The Freshman Express" by their competitors. Newcomer Chris Wilson, a transfer from Farmingdale, has proven himself worthy of becoming a member of the exclusive "Stony Brook Express." Wilson's natural running ability, combined with his competitive spirit to become the best relay team ever were contributing factors to his induction. "We work very hard during practice, but we also hang out in our free time," Gill said. "We are a very close group."

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Pats fired up for opener

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tendency to get out of control. He needs to be polished but he's exciting, fast, has great skills."

A transfer, Brady Klouser from Nassau Community, is expected to solidify the team at the defensive midfield position. "He adds a new dimension for us at mid," said Espey, who is also relying on junior Mike Durgey, another transfer from Herkimer. "Our team defense is much improved," Espey said, "and can be a strength."

At midfield, Cannella expects sophomore Kevin Dalland, juniors Lou Ventura, Paul Leva and senior Rob Walker to handle a lot of the responsibilities. All players combined for a total 97 points in 13 games last year. "Offensively, we're solid at midfield," Espey said.

The attack corps, on the other hand, needs to develop its offense, according to the head coach. "We need to work on our scoring at attack," Espey said. "We have to be able to put the ball efficiently than we have in the past against the top teams."

Espey projects that junior transfer James Sommese will make an impact, as well as seniors Joel Insinga and John Schafer. "The leader of the attack is Sommese," Espey said, "and the other two guys are Insinga and Schafer, who have improved a great deal over this year."

The Patriots are coming off an 8-5 1991 campaign that featured competition against National Champions North Carolina. Despite a seven-game unbeaten streak that witnessed the Patriots outscore opponents 106-51, Stony Brook failed to make the top-20 list with a season-closer loss to the University of Pennsylvania, 19-14.

The Patriots will try to earn a victory against a Fairfield team they soundly defeated last year, 21-7. "This is the earliest we've ever played them," Espey said. "We need to get off to a good start. We can't take anything for granted. We have to come out fired up."

The goal has been set — a solid 1992 performance and possibly even a top-20 ranking. Now it's up to the players to meet the challenge to achieve the objective. And it all begins Sunday at 1:30 pm at Patriot Field.

USB INTRAMURAL REPORT

Suckas leap to finals

Sixteen people participated in a single elimination Racquetball singles tournament yesterday afternoon and after three hard-fought rounds, Scott Rossa and Vivian Perez found themselves champions.

Next week's Campus Life Time event will be a jig-saw puzzle contest, where people will compete in teams of three.

The 1992 nationally sponsored, co-ed volleyball tournament was held on Feb. 19 in the east wing of the Sports Complex. Eight teams participated and were broken up into two groups of four to compete in pool play.

"X-Play" swept through pool A with a 3-0 record led by the powerful hitting of Stephen Boucher and the setting of Jessica Lee. The "Suckas" were equally efficient in Pool B, winning their three matches (11-1, 11-6), (11-0; 11-5), (11-2; 11-4).

Although six of eight teams advanced into the championship round, the top seeds held up as the Suckas defeated third seed TNT in one semifinal while X-Play advanced into the championship game by default.

The final was highly contested match in which the Suckas prevailed in two straight games. Matt Keltons, captain of the Suckas, said the key to his team's success was the play of Melissa Axelrod and Stephanie Hugelmeyer. He also added, "John Vicciardo played out of his head."

The Suckas look forward to representing Stony Brook at the regional finals April 4th at Seton Hall University.

— Rob Bennett

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Patriots rewarded with strong finish

By Laney Biffer
Statesman Staff Writer

As Emerson once wrote in his essay, *New England Reformers*, "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." So it comes as no surprise that the performance of the men's and women's track team at the CTC Championships this weekend brought them reward.

The men placed third with 62 points and the women placed fifth with 42 points. Head Coach Steve Borbet was pleasantly surprised with the women's performance.

Indoor Track

Natalia Fujimori was the best finisher in the 1,500-meter walk. Fujimori took second place by finishing the event in 8:21.6. The captain of the team, Meegan Pyle placed third in the 500-meter run. Pyle's time was 1:25.23. Dawn McDermott took fourth place in the 25-pound

weight throw. McDermott broke her own school record with a distance of 29 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Delia Hopkins placed fourth in the 3,000-meter run. Her time of 11:01.97 was her best time. She ran the same event in 11:29 two weeks ago — a remarkable 27.03 seconds improvement.

Borbet was delighted to see the women's track team take fifth place. "They are coming along nicely for a young team," Borbet said. "They are not really superstars, but they have done a great job."

On the men's side, four runners ripped across the track like lightning bolts. Sophomores Jerry Canada, Anderson Vilien, Chris Wilson and Roger Gill took first place in the one-mile relay. They are the defending champions who broke the university record in this event last year. Their time this year was 3:21.89, an improvement from last year's time of 3:22.52.

The win made them a provisional entry in the upcoming

NCAA tournament. "They probably will qualify for the NCAAs with that," said Borbet.

"It was a great team effort at the CTC's," Vilien said. "Everyone put in 100 percent. Our rewards are proof of our performance — third place."

Those runners were not the only ones to shine this weekend. Hank Shaw surprisingly took third in the 1,000-meter run in 2:39.49 — a personal best. Pat Riegger placed second in the 5,000-meter in 15:44.1. Riegger recently transferred from Suffolk and has been improving each week.

Anthony Forti came in third in the 35-pound weight throw — a personal best of 39 feet, 5 1/2 inches, gaining him the third place seat. He just started the event this season. Mark Barber took first place in the 300-meter walk with a time of 14:16.6. Mike took second place in the same event with a time of 12.16.6.

Excitement-filled week for Pats and ex-Pats

Ruggers open against Columbia as alums tip-off and women end season

By Dave Fallace
and Aimee Brunelle
Statesman Staff Writers

The rugby team kicks-off its spring season as they host the Columbia Lions this Saturday.

The ruggers will be moving up a division because they were undefeated in the fall. "We won the division last year," Ian Kamper, a returning eighth man said. "We will now be moving up and playing more Division I teams."

Among the teams they will be playing are Columbia, Hofstra, Rutgers, Seton Hall and Vassar — all schools with experienced and established programs.

USB SPORTS SHORTS

The ruggers lost only two players during the off-season. Returning notables include wingmen Todd Caissie, Jed Kliman, Mike Bergamini and Marc Hess. Returners in the pack are Kevin Fulcher and Kamper. And the new "big man" Bob Florio is expected to play a key role in the team's success.

"With our added depth and exceptional speed," Caissie said, "we can dominate any of the teams on our schedule."

The ruggers begin their attempt at domination this Saturday. Players promise that it will be a spectacle of hard hitting, non-stop action.

The Stony Brook Patriots are hosting the annual alumni basketball game Sunday and it promises to be a good one.

Former players, namely Marshall Foskey, Charwin Agard and Earl Keith will show off the moves and drives that made them favorites among the Stony Brook fans of the times.

"This game provides an opportunity for players to come back and get together," Bernard Tomlin, head basketball coach, said. "It's also an opportunity for our guys now to meet former players. We expect a good turnout."

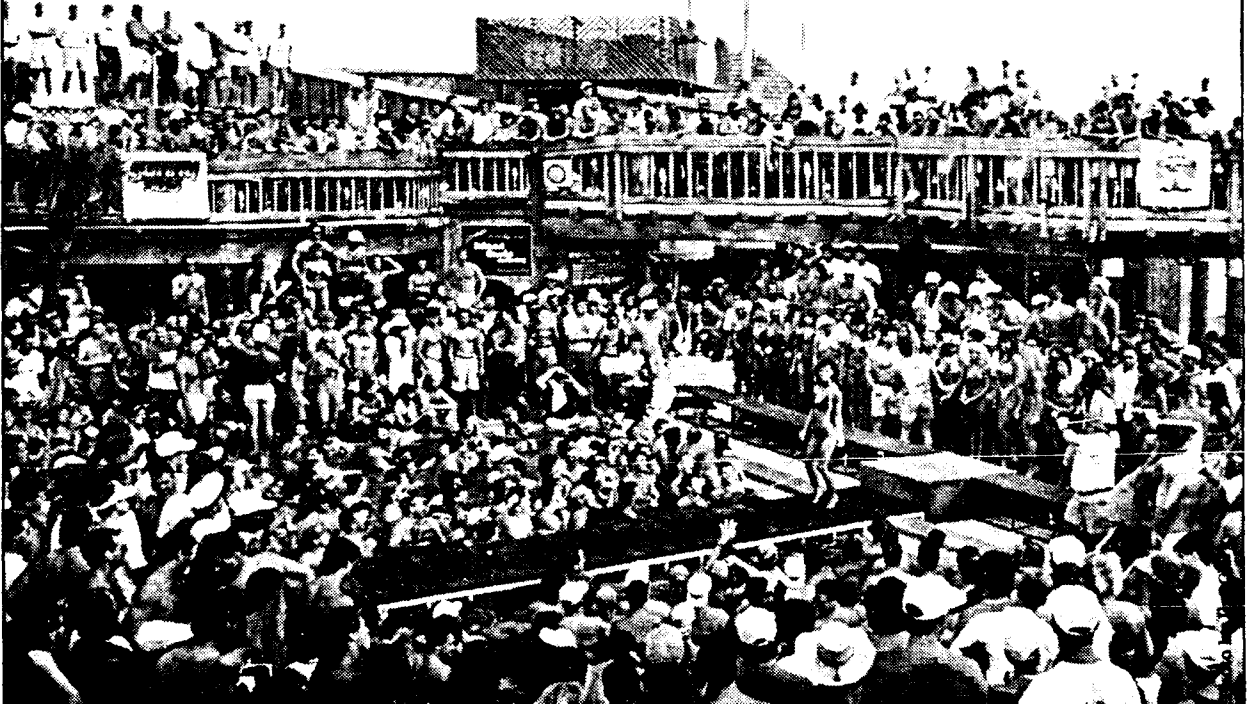
Stony Brook's women's basketball team was overpowered Saturday by a strong Clark University squad 88-56.

Clark jumped out to a 23-point lead in the first 10 minutes of play, but the Patriots worked it down to eight points by halftime. "We came out slow," said sophomore Joan Gandolf, "but we knocked the score down by halftime." Head Coach Dec McMullen agreed. "We couldn't stop them for the first 10 minutes," McMullen said, "but then our defense took over the last 10."

Clark opened the second half with three consecutive three-pointers. They built up a 17-point lead and never looked back to outscore Stony Brook 44-20 in the second half. "We couldn't buy a basket," McMullen stated, "We didn't have anything . . . We only shot 34 percent from the floor while they shot 56 percent. You can't win games that way."

Freshman Erika Bascom led the Pats with 15 points. Freshman Kim Douglas contributed 11 points. Gandolf added 10 points and pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds. Senior Jessica Arnold, playing in her last game, finished with six points and six boards.

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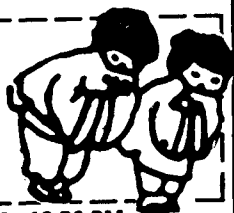
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Patriot Simonds says 'All-American'

By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Staff Writer

Will Simonds, a 21-year-old senior, has been named All-American, the fourth Stony Brook squash player to have been given this honor as he propelled his team to a 21-6 record.

Simonds, captain of the team, has been playing the sport since he was in grade school.

"I started playing when I was eight years old, but I didn't get really serious until I was in tenth grade," Simonds said.

His father was a squash player at Yale and taught him the game.

William Simonds Sr. told *Statesman* that he may have had something to do with his son's success in Squash.

"I took my son out and got him started," the elder Simonds said. "I'm thrilled and very proud of Will on his hard work and accomplishments."

Simonds has been on the squash team since he has been a student at Stony Brook.

"I have practiced two hours a day since freshman year

and Bob Snider, who is the original founder of Stony Brook's squash team, has been my coach," Simonds said.

Practice is not the only demanding factor in squash, according to Simonds. Travelling is as well.

"The squash team travels more than any other team, every weekend," Simonds said. "You get sick of never being home on weekends."

Junior Richard Liu, an ex-teammate, current roommate, and long time friend of Will Simonds said, "I don't see him much. He practices everyday and he is gone a lot."

Liu has known Simonds since the beginning of high school and remembers his diligence when it came to practicing. "If anyone deserves [All-American] he does," Lie said. "He has been devoted since high school."

Simonds, though a political science major, seeks to pursue a job related to his favorite sport. "I have trouble sitting at a desk and I'd like to see how far squash will take me," Simonds said. "I am looking to teach squash in New York City."

Simonds' father agrees that a professional pursuit in the sport is definitely worthwhile. "I think he could make

a good living and have a good time," said Simonds Sr.

All-American status means that Simonds is one of the top-20 squash players in the country. Simonds explained that there are two All-American teams, the first 10 and the second 10.

"I am somewhere in the middle of the second 10 because I lost to a bunch and I beat a bunch," Simonds said.

Simonds received a certificate for his title, but his pride really lies in his team. "The one thing that I am proud of is that our team placed 13th in the country," Simonds said. "I was captain and I am really proud of my players."

Stony Brook squash, though not classified as a Division I sport (squash is not governed by the NCAA), features one of the toughest schedules, including matches against seven out of the top-10 teams in the country.

"I feel we don't get enough recognition as a team," Simonds said. "Only one player who does well gets the attention. We had a great season and the team deserves this as much as I do!"

Spring in air means laxmen on field

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor

New seasons give life to new goals and new goals make way for new achievements. This spring is no exception.

The 1992 Division I lacrosse team has set its sight on a

top-20 National ranking. And according to Head Coach John Espey, the prestigious status is within Stony Brook's grasp.

"I'd like to make the top-20 in the next two years," Espey said. "If we can do it this year, we would be ahead of schedule. It would be very difficult but attainable."

Espey, who initiated the transition from a Division III program to a solid Division I squad, believes that the 1992 team has made tremendous progress. "We still have a ways to go," Espey said, "but we have to be happy with our progress. We made a major step forward in our scrimmage against Adelphi."

In the pre-season match-up over the weekend, Stony Brook remained relentless against a stronger Adelphi team that seemed intent on pulverizing the younger, less experienced Patriots.

"They came after us," Espey said. "They thought they were going to bury us. We were taken by surprise at first. It turned into a war. But it brought our team to a new level. It was impressive."

Assistant Coach Greg Cannella concurs. "We stood up to them," Cannella said. "We responded to their physical play and showed good composure."

The coaching staff hopes that the composure and intensity displayed against Adelphi will carry over into the season opener this Sunday and eventually filter through the entire year.

"We're faster than we've ever been," Espey said. "We're more intense and more competitive than ever. The biggest thing we've seen is competition in practice. We have more quality players than we've had before so it's more difficult to get a position."

Espey and his coaching staff have been impressed by some key players from different positions, who at the moment are the likely starters for the Fairfield game.

Senior Rob Serratore will start at the goal position, backed up by junior Joe Spallone. According to Cannella, Spallone performed effectively during the pre-season, most notably against Adelphi. "Joe stepped in there and did a real good job," Cannella said. "He gives us good experience."

On defense, Espey cites the abilities of junior Greg Freeland and sophomore Paul Schultes. Espey said, "[Freeland] can become one of the best defensemen in the country if he plays disciplined. He has a

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Patriot laxman runs upfield during practice Monday

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