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# Rent Hike Proposed

Advisory committee recommends 3.5 percent raise

By Toni Masercola  
 Statesman Associate Editor

**R**esident students will pay a 3.5 percent hike in rent next semester if a proposal by an advisory committee is approved by the state and the Division of Campus Residences.

The Room Rate Review Committee, which advises the division on dormitory rent, proposed the raise to offset budget problems in the division. If passed by the division and SUNY's Central Administration, residents would pay \$37 more per semester, said Ruthie Ginsburg, chairwoman of the committee and president of the Residence Hall Association, a student organization that advises the division.

Also recommending the rent hike are Dallas Bauman, vice president for campus residences, and Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs.

**Raise to 'Improve Where We Live'**

"It's not like a tuition hike when you don't know where the money is going," said Cindy Schwartz, fund raising chairwoman and council member of RHA. "The money is going to improve where we live."

Among the recommendations included in the proposal is a switch from the current utility billing system to a meter reading system to determine residence hall utility bills. Ginsburg said residents are paying \$1

million a year without using it all. "It's appalling that students continue to pay for things they don't use," she said. "Residents can't pay for electricity in academic buildings. That's what the tuition is for."

**Other Proposals Offered**

The changes to be considered include: joining the phone fee with the room rate in order to abolish the eight percent sales tax residents currently pay for the phone system; a new double-single phone rate for those living in the double-single rooms; RHA set aside \$144,855 to upgrade the residence security system, which will include new locking mechanisms; and a bed waiver for the RHA president.

**Bed Waiver 'Criminal'**

"I think that's criminal," said Student Polity Association President Dan Slepian. "The RHA president does no more than any other club president on campus," he said. "If they are going to do it for RHA, do it for every other club president."

Ginsburg said after attending a regional RHA

conference last semester she discovered most RHA presidents from other universities received either a bed waiver, stipend or apartment for their services. She felt that Stony Brook RHA president should get something as well.

"We told the students about this and they agreed," said Ginsburg, who said the bed waiver will not take effect until next fall, after her expected graduation. "I didn't want people to think I was doing it for myself," she said. She said that all building legislatures polled by RHA received support for the bed waiver plan.

If the recommendations voted on by the residents in their building legislature meeting are approved, the new room rate, including the phone costs, will be \$1,335, an amount residents said they would be willing to pay for the improvements to the residence halls, according to Schwartz.

**Hike Is 'Necessary'**

"People are too worried about tuition hikes to worry about a 3.5 percent room rate increase . . . it's necessary that it be done," said Schwartz.

"I'm appalled that in a time of a budget crisis, they [RHA] are thinking of raising the room rate for such petty reasons," said Slepian.

Slepian condemned the recommendations and said the Polity senators will bring this back to their respective residence halls. Criticizing the RHA's surveying technique, he predicted that Polity's survey of student opinion will be much different from RHA's.

# Dinkins: The Litmus Test that Failed

**N**EW YORK CITY MAYOR DAVID N. Dinkins' grip on his position is disintegrating quicker than the ozone layer. With the recent

disclosure of two of his closest administration associates' wrongdoings in the past month he is again under attack for surrounding himself with incompetents and criminals. This situation is not new in city politics (for most recent episode see Ed Koch, Donald Manes, etc.) but it also has a relevant impact on the social realities that affect the city.

Mayor Dinkins was the first African-American elected as mayor of the most populated city in the country. The great honor that came with this position overshadowed the responsibility that also accompanied it. As the first African-American mayor of the city Dinkins would be the litmus test to many of the city's inhabitants for future African-American mayoral candidates. It is the unfortunate state of race relations today that make the one or few African-Americans a person is familiar with a representative of the whole race. No matter how hard Dinkins tried to shed the label of African-American to gain popular votes during his

campaign, the first thing most voters, black and white, saw was his skin color. Not his policies, not his plans and not his political experience, just the fact that he had a chance to be the first black to determine the course of the financial capital of the world.



## TONES OF SEDITION

Dwayne Andrews

Stereotyping a people by using one person as a reference is dangerous, but it happens every day. It is absurd to think of John Gotti or Mario Cuomo as a representative of all Italian-Americans just as it is absurd to think of Larry Davis, Al Sharpton or David Dinkins as a representative of all African-Americans. The political and social realities of the city tell us, though, that it will probably be a while before another African-

American is elected to the post of mayor. Dinkins' tenure has been proof to the bigots of the electorate that a black man is just not smart or honest enough to be in charge of a city as large as New York. Taking into account his small margin of victory over Rudolph Guiliani in 1989 and the fact that he will face stiff competition from Guiliani and Andy Stein in 1993, Dinkins' run as mayor is up.

Dinkins had the unenviable task of coming in after a brash mayor who aided in polarizing the populace and putting the city in poor financial shape. It is true that he has made some bad political decisions during his tenure, such as the plan to scatter homeless shelters into more than 30 middle class neighborhoods across the city. Also, the people that he has chosen to fill key positions in his administration have failed him. Laura Blackburne's excessive spending for office accoutrements and Arnold Biegen's siphoning of \$185,000 in campaign funds have put a black eye on Dinkins' ability to choose responsible people to run the city. But in the long run, more than likely after he is not re-elected, New Yorkers will realize that the job Dinkins is doing was not as bad as they thought it was.

Pioneers will always get judged harsher than those who follow them. In this case David Dinkins broke the "color-barrier" in New York City politics and is now paying the price. Hopefully the electorate will not play racial politics in the future and hold all African-American candidate responsible for the Dinkins administration. If so, then it would take an ultra-qualified, squeaky clean candidate from the African-American population to win an election. This type of person is rare, no matter what their gender or race.

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**POLITY BRIEFS**

**'Last chance'  
on arming issue**

By Scott Joachim  
Statesman Associate News Editor

Polity President Dan Slepian told the Polity Senate last night that the University Safety Council — responsible for advising University President John Marburger on campus safety, including arming Public Safety officers with guns — will be making a decision later this month. He reprimanded the senate for not supporting the Polity-sponsored town meetings, organized to concentrate student opinions on issues including arming. "Honestly, from the response at the town meetings, it says people don't care," said Slepian, who is a member of the safety council. "[The safety council] is very open to hearing student concerns." He said the upcoming town meeting Monday night will be the "last chance for student consultation."

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Slepian last night condemned the University Senate's formation of a "blue ribbon committee," which he said will decide on the extent and direction of budget cuts.

"It means departments will probably end up being closed . . . and faculty cuts," he said. Slepian told the senate that he did not agree with the concentration of "high level faculty members," who are immune from the dangers of the proposed faculty reductions.

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**Polity to reform elections**

By Scott Joachim  
Statesman Associate News Editor

In an attempt to increase voter turnout and reduce fraudulent election behavior, the Polity senate last night created a committee of six senators which will recommend election reforms to the council later this month.

"My goal as a senator and as a student is to dramatically improve voter turnout . . . and the credibility of the electoral process," said commuter Senator Ron Nehring, who last night proposed the creation of the ad hoc committee.

Polity's low election turnout — less than 15 percent of the student population last year — can be attributed to a lack of professionalism, said Nehring. He said the system is "wide open to conflicting interests which can compromise the integrity of the process."

But Polity President Dan Slepian, who "fully support[s]" the committee, said Polity has not suffered from corrupt elections in the past. "I don't know what that means," said Slepian.

But last year six candidates — all of whom were identified with the short-lived Common Sense party — alleged that the election board corruptly disqualified them. Last spring's election was scarred by mysterious flyers misrepresenting the party, for which no one claimed responsibility, as well as allegations that the election results were deliberately distorted.

The six party members, who were disqualified by election board chairwoman Annette Garner for campaigning before receiving candidacy from Polity, were reinstated after the election was postponed two weeks. No party members claimed victory in the race.

"Failure to adopt serious election reform would be a smack in the face to every student on campus," said Nehring, who was the campaign manager of the Common Sense party and ran for senior representative with the party.

"My past campaign experience made me painfully aware of the need for comprehensive campaign guideline



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Ron Nehring

reform," Nehring told *Statesman*.

The election board will consist of six senators, including three commuters and three residents, who will give recommendations to the council at the end of this month. The committee consists of Treasurer David Greene and senators Nehring, Jerry Canada, David Ecker, Eugene Goon and Tom Varghese.

Greene, who was a senator during last year's elections, proposed the disqualification of the Common Sense party.

Nehring, who told the senate he is not involving himself with the upcoming Polity elections, is a graduating senior.

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# U Senate condemns targeted faculty layoffs

By Jason Didner  
Statesman Assistant News Editor

The University Senate unanimously passed a resolution Monday opposing layoffs that target individual faculty, saying that such layoffs would leave room for personal discrimination.

The resolution — which was first drafted for last month's meeting and tabled until Monday because of unclear wording — says layoffs that target individual faculty violate "the principles of academic freedom and the safeguards of tenure that are generally recognized as part of the definition of a university."

The senate fears that across-the-board layoffs leave room for cuts for reasons other than consolidation. The resolution is intended to ensure that



Richard Porter

less-needed departments are cut before tenured faculty are affected, said Richard Porter, University Senate president.

"I sense the present mood to be one of cooperation between faculty and administration," said Porter, "and I expect [University President John Marburger] . . . to take this resolution seriously."

Porter also discussed reorganizing the academic sectors. "The goal is to have a workable plan that can be reversed," he said. "Plans are now in the process of being recommended by various deans [and] no decisions have been made by this point as far as I know."

After the outline for proposed reorganization is completed, he said, Polity, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), and the relevant senate standing committees will suggest any changes to the plan. "I ask for everyone's cooperation to make this happen quickly," said Porter.

Porter also asked faculty members to help stretch the university budget by volunteering more of their time. In many cases faculty members take payment for doing work above and beyond what is required of them, he said, but the

university will benefit from extra work done on a volunteer basis.

In other senate business, Polity President Dan Slepian addressed the senate on last week's fire, which gutted a dorm room in Dreiser College. "Students were very upset about the response of the university" to the fire, he said, referring to the university's announcement that it would not reimburse students for personal losses from fire. "They were in shock. The students are still dismayed and it's my job to represent them."

Slepian said he and Polity are doing just that. He announced that Polity is giving the students affected by the fire the free service of Polity's attorney. And Polity has established a relief fund for the students and he urged faculty members to help. Polity, the Faculty Student Association (FSA) and the Department of Student Union Activities raised a combined \$1,100 for the victims of the electrical fire. "Go to your departments," Slepian told senate faculty, so that the departments may contribute to the fund.

The University Senate will hold its next meeting April 6 at 3:30 PM in Javits Lecture Center room 109.

# Stony Brook may withdraw help from HELP

By Jason Didner  
Statesman Assistant News Editor

The university is considering discontinuing with a North Bellport homeless shelter after its contract with the home expires May 16.

The shelter, owned by Housing Enterprise for the Less Privileged (HELP) and operated by Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare, houses 76 homeless families and is Long Island's largest homeless shelter.

"It is the university's position that this is an appropriate activity for the School of Social Welfare to be involved in," said university spokesman Dan Forbush. "It has been a challenging period to get the facility open and under way, but [the school and the HELP staff] have really done a remarkable job with it. They have placed approximately 140 families into proper homes as of now. It is a very impressive facility," he said of the shelter, which has been run by the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook since it opened 18 months ago.

But university officials cite complications with servicing the homeless shelter. University President John Marburger has said, "It's been difficult to manage, and questions have been raised whether we'll continue to do it."

The university gets reimbursed for most of the center's operating expenses, but some unforeseen costs have arisen that the university is unable to recover, said Forbush. "That is a factor," he said. "The state's support is clearly declining." But Suffolk County officials are deliberating on the center's budget, he said.

Forbush said there are also operational details that need to be resolved. He said the dual responsibility of the School of Social Welfare and the management of HELP needs to be considered. The university is responsible for the operation of the center, while HELP takes responsibility for maintenance of the facility, he said.

HELP President Andrew Cuomo — son of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo — said taking financial and operational consideration into account towards the end of a contract term is normal. "When the contract is up it is

normal for the parties to assess their position and either renew or not renew the contract," he said.

But *Newsday* reported in an article on Feb. 23 that the School of Social Welfare has more to consider than normal financial and operational matters. "Services provided by the school of Social Welfare . . . have fallen short of the glowing advance notices," states the article. According to the article, former residents and employees gave accounts of "an institution in turmoil, where drug use is rampant, important services are in disarray, and residents' frustration sometimes erupts in violence."

Cuomo blasted the *Newsday* story.

"I think that the article . . . is the worst case of tabloid sensationalism," he told *Statesman*.

Forbush said that although drug trafficking takes place in the shelter, it is not a factor in Stony Brook's decision whether to renew the contract. "I don't think the drug issue is a matter that is related to the contract," he said. "We don't feel the use of drugs at the HELP center is any greater than at any other homeless shelter on Long Island."

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# Senate tackles arming, protests

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Slepian told the senate he is working on a plan to incorporate a closed-circuit Stony Brook television station on campus beginning next year funded by Polity. He said the cost of running the station would amount to a \$5 to \$10 student fee, to be voted on referendum. "The opportunities and potential for the TV station are limitless," he said. The station would offer televised student meetings, coverage of campus events and would "expand Polity tri-fold," he said.

The television studio was closed last year because of state budget cuts and the

entire staff was laid off. The referendum money — which could bring the student activity fee to four dollars under its cap — would provide a one-year "seed" fund, but the project would eventually be self-sufficient through advertising revenue, he said. The project would also enable the media minor, which abandoned its TV training last year, to resume its training in the program.

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Pajarita Charles, representative for New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) told the senate that a rally against increased tuition and budget cuts will take place next Wednesday during campus life-time in front of the Student Union. "Stu-

dents aren't really organized," said Slepian. Since tuition increases are inevitable, students should concentrate on increasing financial aid, he said.

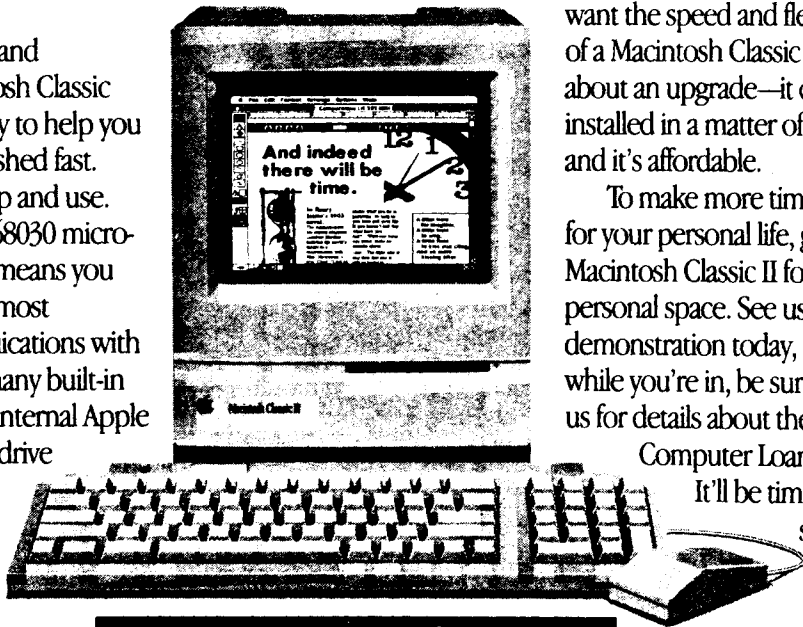
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Graduate student Clemens Verbeek issued a written statement to the senate stating that he received threats from former senator Thomas Swift after writing a letter to the editor of *Statesman* condemning Swift's alleged manipulation of parking permits. Swift and another student were arrested earlier this month for fraudulent use of forged handicapped parking permits. Vice President Tom Pye said Swift is impeached as a senator for failing to adhere to attendance guidelines.

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# Israeli ambassador on Middle East peace

By David Lee  
Statesman Staff Writer

Israeli Ambassador Uriel Savir argued last night that peace between the Arabs and Israelis is attainable. Savir stressed current problems in the Middle East, progressing peace talks and Israel's willingness to cooperate in a lecture in the Student Union Ballroom.

"My basic premise to you tonight is that what the Middle East must do is change the equation from Arab-

Israeli conflict to a conflict with Arab and Israel on one side and the dangers that they face on the other," Savir said. There are still many hurdles to cross he continued, "but at least we are sitting down at the same table . . . headed in the right direction and are closer to coming to an agreement than ever before."

Four major questions must be answered in order to make the Middle East stable Savir said. "Can we change the psychological equation . . . so that our neighbors will accept that there is one Jewish neighbor . . . will

we be able to have pragmatic, constructive negotiations . . . will the role of the U.S. be constructive . . . and will we reinvest the resources of the Middle East from a dangerous arms race to economic development?"

He used the example of former Egyptian President Sadat and his cooperation with Israel to show the possibilities open to both sides. "We were ready to change our opinion about the man who four years before, led a surprise attack against Israel where over 3,000 of our boys died. In a country of 3,000,000 every family was hurt," Savir said. "And don't forget, in any such deal, what Israel gives up is tangible and irreversible, what the Arabs give is neither. It's not tangible, but very important and always irreversible."

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Director Joseph Topek agreed with Savir. "Now Egyptians are using Israeli technology to cultivate bananas," he said. "It shows Israel's willingness to compromise."

"All Israel wants is security," he said. "We are the size of New Jersey [and] to the east there is an army two and a half the size of NATO. We cannot compromise the security and lives of our children," he said. "We are ready and will be ready to pay the price for peace, but surprisingly enough we aren't ready to be the price for peace."

Savir believes compromise is possible and the remaining "main question is where will the Middle East spend the resources for the next 10 years."

"[Savir] showed that Israel is ready to compromise," Hillel Student President Keith Babich. "He explained why Israel couldn't give into all Arab demands." As Savir said, "compromise yes, suicide never."

University Provost Tilden Edelstein said, "we wanted someone representing the Israeli government, not another speaker . . . he informed us of the real issues and gave us the real political lines."

Babich said Savir's lecture has "opened up a dialogue between Arabs and Israelis on campus." Students had a renewed sense of interest, he said.

"You know it's not the best of neighborhoods and it's not the easiest of neighborhoods, but that's the one we have and that's the one country we have and these are the neighbors we have," Savir said. "I believe ultimately that the Arab mother doesn't want her son to die as much as a Jewish mother, and in this more basic yearning of all, I'm optimistic that against so many odds, peace will one day break out."



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STONY BROOK STATESMAN THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1992

## Editorial

# Hindsight Tells Us About Renter's Insurance

Twenty-twenty hindsight is a wonderful thing. It allows us to torture ourselves over what might have been, if only. . .

Well, the students involved in the fire that destroyed Dreiser 212 A and subsequently the adjoining rooms of the suite and all of its contents must now be dealing with 20/20 hindsight in the worst way.

Faced with the reality that the university's insurance does not cover students' personal belongings when the university is not at fault, several of these residents are left with nothing.

Those who were lucky are able to make a claim through their parents' homeowners insurance. They should be able to replace the lost clothing and belongings.

But what about the ones who couldn't?

These poor souls are left to rely on the kindness of strangers to get

their lives back. Sure, the Red Cross has been helpful in getting them back on their feet, as has been Swezey's Department Store, the Faculty Student Association and Polity. But nonetheless, it won't replace even half of what was lost.

Everyone is screaming now because the university isn't helping the victims. The voices are hurt and distrustful of this uncaring administration. But realistically, who's to blame?

Isn't it true that the university does offer a renter's insurance policy to resident students? This policy covers personal losses whether they be to theft or (you guessed it) fire.

Sure, it's an old story. When you sign into your dorm and you get that big junk mail packet full of university information you skim through it and laugh at all the ridiculous ways they try to get you to spend your money: meal plan,

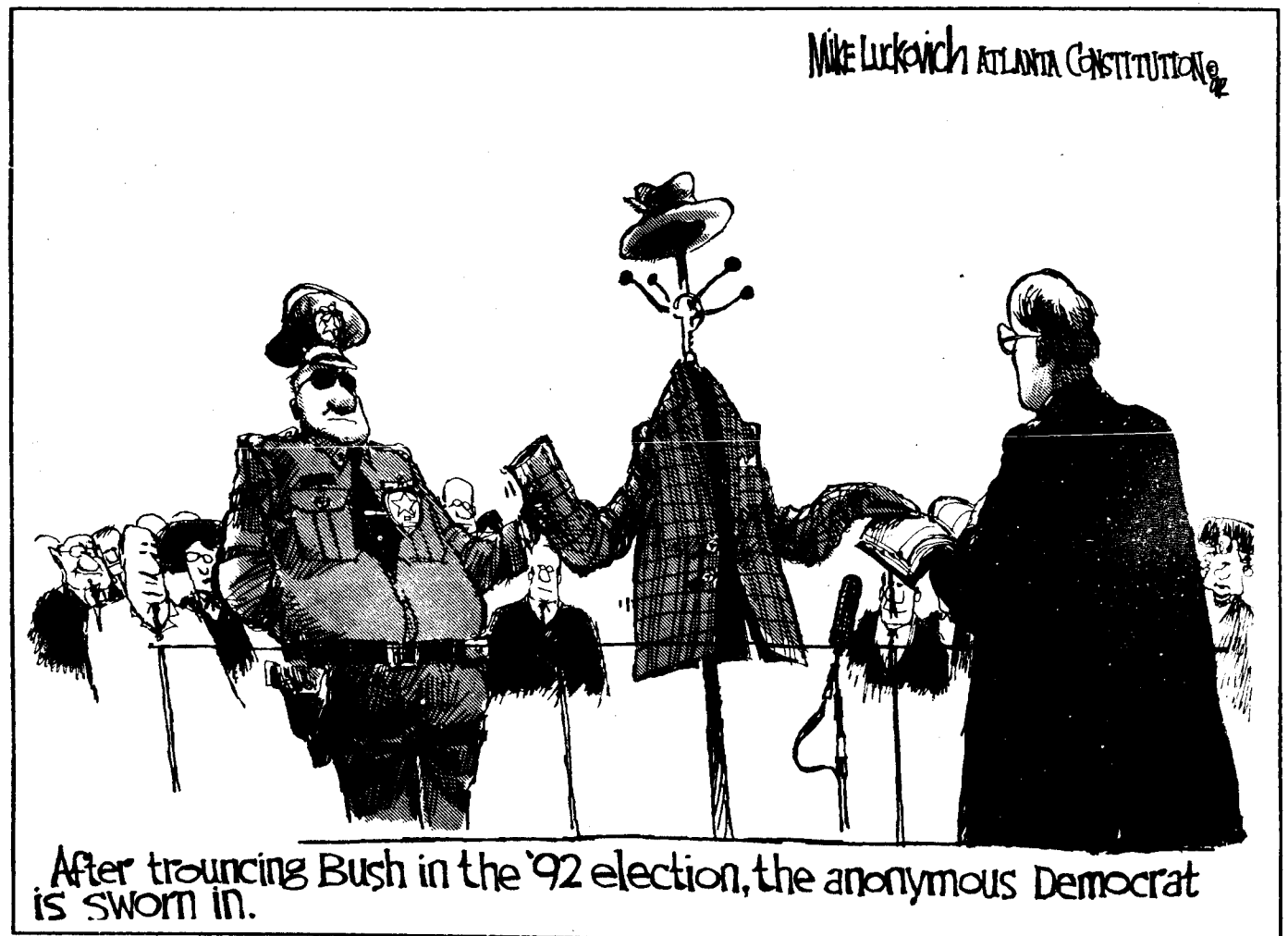
health insurance, property insurance, etc.

But wait, why not read through that property insurance pamphlet? Oh sure, you say, I'll never need it. What could possibly happen to my stuff here?

Well, the unexpected happens, and soon the ol' 20/20 kicks in. What if your parents don't have homeowners insurance? What if you're independent and don't own a home, let alone homeowners insurance? Now what?

What it boils down is you can't afford to take any chances. Take the time to actually check out what you do or do not have. Ask your parents exactly what coverage they have. If you're on your own, look into something yourself. It doesn't have to be university insurance, just what is best for your needs.

Find out before it's too late. You never know. Your room may be next.



After trouncing Bush in the '92 election, the anonymous Democrat is sworn in.

## WRITE US!

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# There's Plenty to Do on Campus

By Adam Kaminsky

IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT SUCH A MAJOR ISSUE as the appropriation of our student activity fee monies to support off-campus political agendas is addressed. NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) from reading its spring agenda, fits the bill as a crusader for the oppressed and the weak everywhere but on campus. Let's review their agenda:

**Environmental Issues:** New York does have a garbage crisis. Most of our landfills are near capacity. Soon we will have no place to dispose of our refuse. These are pressing problems, no doubt. But it is hard to bring out the weeping violins when our resident population lives in seedy dormitories without many tenants' basic rights.

**Standardized Testing Reform:** I can't see how a question calling upon the knowledge of the use of a saucer can be biased against people of color or the poor (as per NYPIRG's flyer on the subject). Allow me to let you in on something: *Stupidity transcends all poverty and racial lines!!!* Blame the inability of the "poor" and "underprivileged" as well as those who "should know better" to relate saucers to cups and tables on the relative

Adam Kaminsky, a junior, is a sociology major and an occasional contributor to this page.

paucity of manners and etiquette in today's society, as well as youngsters' insatiable appetite for the abysmal program selections available to them on television. If these young imbeciles spent as much time studying basic rules of civilized society and engaging in constructive pastimes (such as maybe reading books) as they do trying to emulate

class performs. With that, there can only be so many F's but on the same token, there can only be so many A's to even out the "ideal bell-shaped distribution" so coveted by faculty. In the end, many students who improved greatly over the semester are cheated out of the proverbial "A for Effort", while the underachievers are rewarded with bloated grades in relation to the total burnouts who won't pass because they flat out don't care. NYPIRG doesn't even bother bringing this point up.

**Small Claims Court Action Center:** It is good that the law is being explained more and more to the common folk. However, our society has become so lawsuit happy and oversensitive that the repercussions are having devastating effects.

Now it does not mean that the family torn apart as a result of a drunk driver injuring them should remain silent, but people should think twice about, say, stunt skateboarding on the Stony Brook campus without any protection. And should something go wrong, attempting to sue the school

for a zillion dollars because that crack in the pavement was the culprit of their misadventure.

**Funding for Higher Education:** Well, good in theory. But where will you find the money? I have an idea. Cut welfare drastically to all but the elderly and handicapped, and use it to teach the remaining recipients a trade that will, within a few years, make them independent of the system. Any remaining funds (and there will be a good percentage left) will go to the betterment of mainstream education at all levels. Maybe those who would benefit from such a transition won't live like kings initially, but since welfare makes up a large part of New York State's budget, the money could be better spent than on handouts. Why doesn't NYPIRG suggest this ploy to free millions of dollars, and market it as an investment in the state's future rather than allowing it to stagnate and not return a dividend several years down the line? Ultimately, the money derived from such a ploy will help Stony Brook.

**Item Pricing:** Why concern yourself with what is going on outside campus, where prices on most goods are much cheaper than the two-and-a-half dollar hamburger, the fifty-dollar, four times-used calculus text, etc. found on campus? Frankly I couldn't care less if I was gypped out of a couple of cents because the bar code scanner was improperly calibrated at the local supermarket. At least I would call it second in priority to paying downwards of five-and-a-half-dollars for some cold, greasy, unintelligible meal at one of our eateries. Think about it.

**James Bay II Project:** Why the h-e-double-hockey-sticks should I lend opposition to an alternative source power plant when almost every other feasible alternative to hydrocarbons is opposed? Hey, no nukes is good nukes, right? Electric cars, ha! solar... not in the Big Apple. Besides, I may feel sorry that this allegedly will ruin the ecology of a large area, but we cannot protect each and every acre of land from development, especially if the reasons to develop are to our ultimate benefit.

**Suffolk County Watch:** I don't consider myself a resident of Suffolk county, nor could I care more than just casually about the politics here. Why not form a dadgummed Polity Watch to prevent the laughable election practices, wanton spending, and other outwardly corrupt procedures present in a \$1.4 million not-for-profit organization that funds such blatantly off-campus lobbying organizations such as NYPIRG?

Let the truth be told. Our riches are being used to fund the political agenda of another world while our campus deteriorates. The sad part is that it goes unchecked, and nobody seems to care. NYPIRG has the potential to be a powerful voice for Stony Brook students, but it is a matter of their wanting to be one. Nobody has given them any reason to lift a finger on our behalf. Polity, and the student body that allows it, continues to fund it blindly, without regard to where or how the money is being used. That is a shame. Let it be known to our own student government that it is in their by-laws that it cannot fund any organization with a political agenda off campus. From the facts presented, NYPIRG deserves the axe.

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the latest teen idol or master the most contemporary Nintendo games, maybe all children, regardless of race or income, will be whining that the tests present no challenge.

Meanwhile, Stony Brook students face grading practices which issue class grades on a parimutuel basis rather than on individual improvement. In other words, grades are allotted according to how well (or poorly) an entire

## Letters

### Ad Was Sexist

To the Editor:

Those staff members responsible for the *Statesman's* Feb. 6 Park Bench advertisement have shown themselves to be short on analytical skills, if not outrightly sexist.

The advertisement I referred to featured three bikini-clad blonde women huddled on a beach; these amidst promotions for spring break and beer. First, if the Park Bench management truly wished to promote the "spring break image" and not merely to present a utilitarian image of women, men would have been in the photo chosen, too. The advertisement's greatest fault, however, was to perpetuate the degrading equation of women and beer... that "grab a beer, grab a babe" mentality which alcohol companies have worked hard to instill in the minds of the public.

Wake up. Just because Anheuser-Busch promotes a product this way does not make it acceptable or

### Care About Environment

To the Editor:

Waste disposal is a problem in New York and especially on Long Island which needs to be addressed by all of us. New York and New Jersey export approximately 1,000 truckloads of trash a day, more than all of the other 48 states combined. All this garbage ends up in various mid-western states, among them, South Dakota, where there are plans to create a landfill twice the size of Staten Island's "Fresh Kills" Landfill.

The garbage crisis on Long Island is worse than that of the rest of New York State. Room for landfilling is quickly running out and the existing landfills here on the island are leaking and are contaminating the ground water resulting in the closure of drinking wells.

Building incinerators, as some have suggested, is not the solution. In burning waste, toxic gasses are

inoffensive. Do you at the *Statesman* believe you're excused from the responsibility to represent women (or African Americans, or Asian or Latin Americans) humanely because the Park Bench's management chooses not to?

The *Statesman* is a university publication. In the university environment, we work to rid our society of racism, sexism, and all unfounded prejudices through enlightenment and through education. This advertisement fundamentally countered that goal. Furthermore, no student here deserves to be misrepresented, as the *Statesman* has allowed in the name of a dollar, by a paper published in part by the student's own money.

Those at *Statesman* who solicit advertisers should keep the dignity of their readership in mind in the future.

Michele De Betta  
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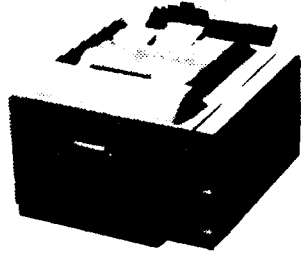
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Jun Whang

(Editor's Note: The writer is the New York Public Interest Research Group's project leader for recycling on campus.)

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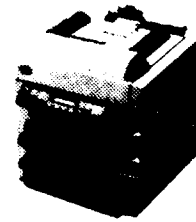
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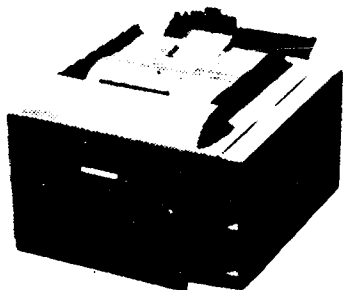
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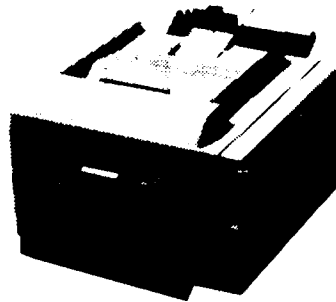
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# Key ejection leads to loss

By Dave Fallace  
Statesman Staff Writer

A key and controversial ejection led to the Patriots rugby team's first loss to the Columbia Lions this past Saturday.

Though the weather was very frigid the action on the field was fiery and exciting. The close 20-19 game was a spectacle of hard hitting and great action. The Patriots, who won their division last year, moved up a level to play more experienced and more established programs.

Four minutes into the game the referee ejected rugger Bob Montefusco for unnecessary roughness. The decision left the team a man down for the remainder of the game.

"Stony Brook played courageously, though down a man in a losing effort," said Montefusco.

Stony Brook opened the scoring with two long kicks by Mike Bergamini for three points each. Jed Kliman made a spectacular run for the game's first tri and

Bergamini converted the free kick afterwards for two more points. It seemed like the beginning of the end for Columbia.

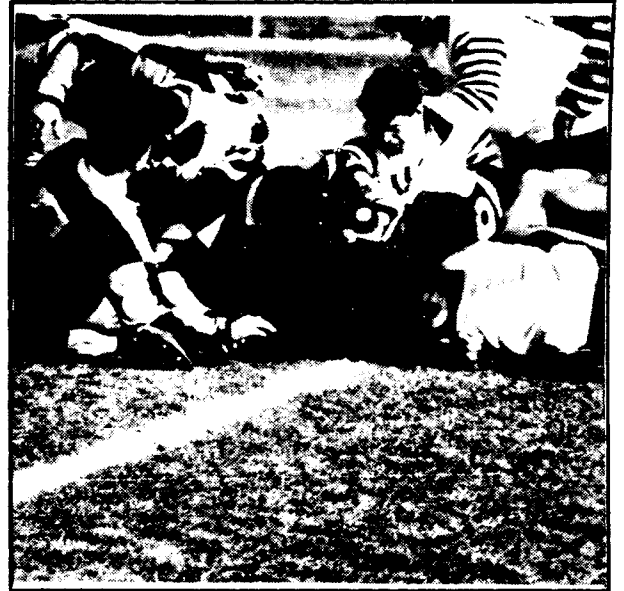
But then Columbia drove down and kicked a three-pointer and the Patriots responded with another tri.

Both teams attacked each other vigorously and relentlessly. Columbia came back and within the final minutes scored a tri and converted the decisive free kick to pull ahead 20-19.

Despite the loss, the game indicated a lot for the Patriots' future in rugby in that they lost by only one against a strong Ivy League team, while a man down for the entire game.

The Patriots can look forward to playing more high caliber teams in the future such as Hofstra, Rutgers, Seton Hall and Vassar.

On Saturday, Stony Brook will host Maritime as it attempts its first win of the season.



Ruggers fight for ball last Saturday

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Sommese makes impact on Patriots

By Tony McMullen  
Special to Statesman

Walker to Feinstein. Goal. Sci.fer to Sommese. Goal. And so it went Sunday afternoon as the Stony Brook lacrosse team opened its 1992 season with a 20-4 thrashing of Fairfield.

Although the victory over Fairfield was not surprising, an unfamiliar name appeared in the Patriot scoring summary more often than any other. This player was credited with scoring four goals and assisting on four others. A quick glance at the roster revealed number 38, a junior — having played his high school lacrosse at Smithtown East — is a local product. So, how come one hasn't heard James Sommese's name more often?

Sommese of St. James has been selected Stony Brook

VIP/Statesman Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 24, and could very well be the best kept secret in the Stony Brook lacrosse program. "He could be the best attackman that Stony Brook has ever had," said Head Coach John Espey. "He has all the tools — good vision, unselfishness and the ability to dodge and feed around the net."

Sommese's apparent lack of public notoriety is due to his recent arrival into town. Having transferred from nearby Farmingdale — where he earned second team All-American honors last year by scoring over 40 goals and 20 assists for the Rams — Sommese just started attending classes at Stony Brook a little over a month ago.

Without the benefit of playing the fall season with the Patriots, Sommese has been forced to quickly adjust to his new environment "James is still getting accustomed to our

system," said Espey. "He will continue to get better as the season goes on."

Sommese similarly suggests that his play, as well as the Patriot offense, can only get better with time. "We still aren't playing as a cohesive unit," Sommese said. "The more I play with these guys, the more I'll get to know them."

Despite having had only five weeks of practice and one game under his belt, Sommese has already made an impact. "In the short time he has been here, James has become a leader," said assistant coach Greg Cannella. "He is like a quarterback on the field."

Jim Hughes, also an assistant coach, may have summed it up the best: "James is a field general."

Sommese is excited at having to play in Division I and welcomes the tough, competitive Patriot schedule this season. "The games against Navy, Michigan State and Princeton are very big for us," said Sommese. "If we can play them close and maybe upset one of them, we have a shot at cracking the top 20."

The Patriots will not have to wait long. Their first opportunity for an upset will occur next weekend when they travel to Princeton, currently ranked third in the nation. "They are a heavy favorite," said Espey. "It will be a real test for us."

## Trackers set to capture ECACs

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According to Borbet, Anderson Villien is the favorite in the long jump, an event in which he placed second at last year's ECACs and first in the Wesleyan Invitational last month. He currently holds both the Stony Brook outdoor and indoor long jump record.

The relay team of Canada, Villien, Gill and Chris Wilson who won the one mile race in the CTCs are the 4x400 relay favorites this week. The 4x400 team will most likely be a provisional qualifier the NCAA Championships in Wisconsin next week, as they are ranked fifth in the country.

Courtney O'Malley, who has been sick, will join in either the 4x400 or mile relay this week. "He will run a relay, but we're not sure which one," said Borbet. "We'll wait and see later in the week."

Also qualifying for the men in the ECAC competition are Wayne Mattadeen, Dan Tupaj, Dave Briggs, Hank Shaw, Jason Clark, Pat Rieger, John Pikramenos and Mike Pellerito.

"We're looking to bring home a team title," said Canada.

On the women's side of the competition, Dara Stewart — a three-time ECAC qualifier — is looking to possibly place in the 55 or 200-meter dash. "If she's looking to get in the finals, she has a chance," said Borbet.

Another possible placer is Delia Hopkins in the 1,500-meter run. "Her best is 4:57 and we're hoping for a 4:52 place," said Borbet. She will also compete in the 1,000-meter run.

Captain Meegan Pyle, who placed third last week in the 500-meter with a 1:25.23 at the CTCs is going after her school record this week. "She ran a 1:23.90 over the weekend in practice, so we hope she can break her own record of 1:23.60," said Borbet.

Also competing for the women in the ECACs are freshmen Connie Morawski in the 55-meter high hurdles and Demetria Ramnarine in the 500 meter-run.

After the competition this weekend, some of the Patriots will be packing for Stevens Point, Wisconsin for the NCAAs on March 14 and 15. The announcements will be made early next week.



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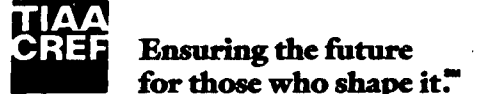
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# Women set their marks in sports field

By Christine Cleary  
Statesman Staff Writer

This month the university celebrates women in history and it was only a month ago that the athletic department celebrated the contributions women have made in the field of athletics.

Stony Brook's celebration of Women and Girls in Sports Day February 13 proved to be a success and could very well become an annual event.

The afternoon began with keynote speaker Laurie Priest addressing the issue of women as leaders in the area of sports. Priest urged everyone to set specific goals in her personal life and career. She emphasized the importance of teamwork and communication in achieving career goals and cited an example from her own experience as the Chair of Physical Education and Director of Athletics at Mount Holyoke College.

Upon beginning her work there, Priest had many ideas and changes she wanted to implement in the program. She found her

efforts were frustrated until she recruited the members of her faculty to adopt the goals and work towards them as a team.

Another learning experience Priest shared with the audience involved working with people with whom one didn't see eye-to-eye. She noted that like herself, women often need to learn to put personal differences aside in order to achieve a common goal whether on an athletic, corporate or administrative level.

Each of the panel speakers then addressed different aspects of women in athletics.

Shawn Ladda, head women's soccer coach and associate professor of physical education at Columbia University, gave a history of the accomplishments specific women in athletics have made. She described the joys she felt last fall while attending the Women's World Championship Soccer Tournament in China.

Anne Dignam, district director of interscholastic athletics at the Half Hollow Hills School District, spoke about the

problems related to women in athletics she had experienced as an administrator. For example she noted the difficulty of hiring women to fill coaching positions because of the lack of applicants. Dignam lamented that this creates a void of positive role models for young girls. She recalled how important the guidance of her female coaches was in her youth.

Dawn McHugh, a cyto-genetic laboratory technologist at the Stony Brook University Hospital, described the intrinsic values she gained through athletic participation. McHugh played four years of varsity soccer at Stony Brook and said that her grades got better with each progressive season. She gained leadership and time management skills as well as the commitment needed to attain her career goals.

Finally, Rosalie Falco addressed the issue of alternative careers for women in athletics. Falco has worked as an athletic official for 28 years and is considered one of the most prestigious officials in Suffolk

County. She pointed out that like she, women can pursue a full-time career outside of athletics but remain involved by working part-time as referees.

The celebration of Women and Girls in Sports Day at Stony Brook coincides with the seventh annual National Women and Girls in Sports Day and the 20th anniversary of Title IX. Title IX legislation opened the doors of equal opportunity for women in athletics.

The day wrapped up with the women's basketball team defeating William Paterson 73-65. At half-time of the game, an awards ceremony honored 16 women, who as coaches, athletic directors and officials made a positive impact on women's athletics in Suffolk County.

Lizanne Coyne, one of Stony Brook's Women and Girls in Sports Day organizers, said that the program was a success. She said that fifty people attended and plans are underway already for next year's celebration.

# Patriots inching up the ladder of success

By Jason Yellin  
Statesman Staff Writer

The Division I women's soccer team climbed a step higher on the ladder of improvement despite a losing record in the off-season tournament at the University of Connecticut last Saturday, the first of five scheduled spring tournaments.

## Women's Soccer

"Overall we did better than we expected," Head Coach Sue Ryan said. "[But] the team must get away from the concept of a moral victory."

Opponents: 6  
Patriots: 1

The Patriots tied Yale 1-1, lost to Lauren Atlantic 1-0, lost to a UConn alumni team 1-0 and lost to another club team Opus County, 3-0.

"I think that some of the scores did not reflect how we played," said junior back Debbie Egger. "It showed us

how far we've come but yet still how far we have to go."

According to Ryan, Stony Brook was placed in the most difficult bracket. Lauren Atlantic of Massachusetts was last season's club team champion in the nation; Opus County was a national runner-up in club action while the UConn team featured four former All-Americans.

To add to the tough competition, Stony Brook had to play an earlier game than all the other brackets. In group C, Stony Brook began play at 8 am as opposed to the 12 pm schedule for other brackets.

Tri-captain Heather Lavery scored Stony Brook's lone goal of the tournament. The junior midfielder took a pass from fellow tri-captain and midfielder Denise LaViola on a corner kick to net the Patriot tally.

Junior Lana Peterson and freshman Annya Callahan rotated in goal. They each played well according to Ryan. Callahan earned additional accolades from her coach — "Annya showed improvement from the fall," said Ryan.

Ryan was also impressed with freshmen backs Chris Amarin's and Amy Coakley's performances. Ryan felt that both illustrated marked improvement from the fall season.

The games in Connecticut did a lot for the 11 players who participated. Ryan noticed a difference in practice between the women who played Saturday and those who did not.

The Patriots are hoping to reach the next level which Ryan refers to as the "crucial step."

"We have to believe we can beat these teams," Ryan said.

The Patriots will have another crack at a win this Saturday. The team will be taking part in an 11-team indoor tournament at the Pritchard Gym — the old gym. Lauren Atlantic, Monmouth College — last year's defending champions and Columbia are among the visiting teams. Action gets underway at 9 am.

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# Sports

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1992

## PATRIOT PLAYS

**Indoor Track at ECACs:  
Saturday, March 7, 11 am.**

**Men's Basketball hosts ECAC:  
Saturday, March 7, 7 pm.**

**Lacrosse at Lehigh:  
Saturday, March 14, 2 pm.**

# B'ballers journey to showtime

By Sandra B. Carreon  
Statesman Sports Editor

It's showtime at the Indoor Sports Complex this Saturday as the Patriots men's basketball team begins its journey toward the ECAC title by hosting the first round game against Ramapo at 7 pm.

Stony Brook, ranked third seed by the ECAC selection committee, will pit its 16-9 regular season record against sixth-seed Ramapo, that finished with a 12-12 record.

### Happy to Play Home

"I'm very excited," Bernard Tomlin, head basketball coach, said after learning of the bid. "We're happy to start the tournament at home."

Men's Athletic Director Sam Kornhauser received the call Monday afternoon telling him that Stony Brook earned a third-seed bid. "The strength of our schedule was an advantage," said Kornhauser, who was not surprised by the high seed.

Skyline Conference rival New Jersey Tech, a team Stony Brook defeated soundly three weeks ago, was selected as the first seed, followed by Glassboro State. Tech and Glassboro tip-off against eighth and seventh seeds John Jay and Mt. St. Vincent's respectively. Another Skyline team, Manhattanville, was chosen as the fifth seed and FDU Madison was picked as the seventh seed.

The berths were assigned by the ECAC Selection Committee, made up of four athletic administrators from the New York/New Jersey region. Stony Brook Associate Athletic Director Paul Dudzick served on the committee as did directors from New Jersey Tech, Jersey State and Lehman.

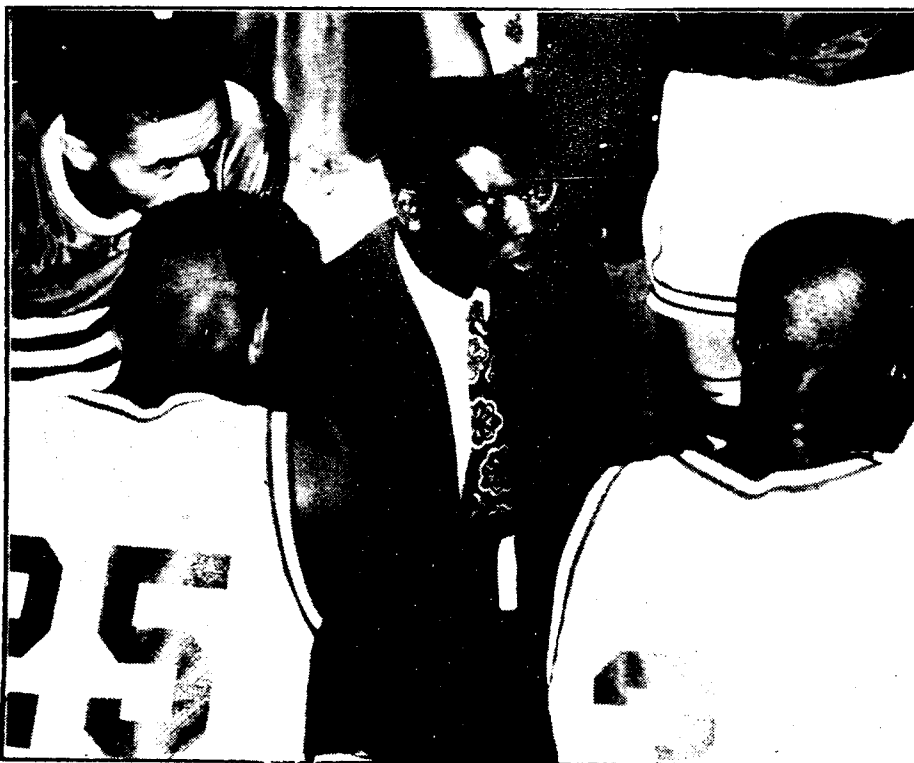
### Capitalizing On Chemistry

The Patriots anticipate a strong performance in the tournament. "If we play the way we played the last four games of the season," said captain Emeka Smith, "we should have no problems in the playoffs."

The Patriots are riding a hot streak entering the tournament. After consecutive wins against Kings Point, Tech, Staten Island and Manhattanville, the Patriots are looking to capitalize on the chemistry that inspired the season-ending turnaround. "We have to maintain the good chemistry that we ended the season off with," Tomlin said.

### Pats 'Have to Be Poised'

Shooting guard Michael Francis concurred and added that Stony Brook has to score the necessary baskets. "Our main objective is to take the high percentage shots," Francis said. "We have to be poised and in control and hopefully we'll get another chance to play Tech."



Head Coach Bernard Tomlin with '91-'92 Patriots

Statesman File Photo

On the Ramapo front, the team's tough season schedule compensates for its mediocre record. "We're battle-tested," said Todd Meyer, head coach of Ramapo. "I've told our kids that playing the type of schedule we have gets us ready for post-season tournaments. We've played in front of big crowds so [playing away] won't hinder us too much. I'm more concerned with the travel."

Ramapo is scheduled to leave New Jersey at 11:30, according to Meyer. Because the Indoor Sports Complex is hosting the Section 11 tournaments Saturday, Ramapo will have to take shooting practice at a nearby high school, Meyer said.

### Happy to Make ECACs

Ramapo is without two of its stars from last season. John Brown, the leading scorer and Tim Greene, the team's best rebounder were academically ineligible to play this year, after leading their team to the NCAA Final Four last season.

"At the beginning of the year, our goal was to make the NCAAs again," Meyer said. "We struggled at the beginning but we won five of our last six games to make the ECACs. We're very happy just to make this tournament."

Meyer will rely on his players' ability to run if the team is to advance in the playoffs. "We like to run and play pressure defense," Meyer said. "We're a well-bal-

anced team . . . We don't have to make outstanding plays to win, we just have to stress what we've done all year long."

### NCAAs a Year Ago

Like Ramapo, Stony Brook was an NCAA tournament qualifier a year ago. The Patriots were eliminated in the second

round by the Rochester Yellowjackets, 71-67 while Ramapo was blown out by Franklin & Marshall in the Final Four, 109-56 before losing in the tournament third place game to Otterbein, 113-84.

### First Meeting

The weekend match-up will be the first meeting of the year between the two schools. "It would be a lot easier if we knew something about them," said Meyer, whose team will try to prevent Patriots point guard Smith from reaching the all-time Stony Brook men's basketball points total mark; Smith needs 28 points to surpass Earl Keith's career points record of 1,793.

And according to some Stony Brook players, the lack of familiarity should not hurt the Patriots because it is a position they became accustomed to with the introduction of never-before-seen competition in the '91-'92 schedule.

### Maintain Momentum

"I think we're going to win because we feel ready," Vernard Williams, a sophomore forward said. "We've been playing well and we want to take it. We're more of a unit now and everybody's improved. The team realizes the importance of this game."

Williams' teammate Ricky Wardally agreed. "We're looking to win the whole thing," the junior power forward said. "We started coming together at the end of the season . . . We had a lot of time to think about it. This is what everybody plays for. This is when heart develops and you don't want to lose."

## On track to title

By Justin Scheef  
Statesman Staff Writer

The men's and women's indoor track teams will be competing in the ECAC championships this weekend in Lewiston, Maine. The men's team is looking to defend its ECAC Indoor Championships title. After finishing in third and fifth place at the CTCs last week, the team and Head Coach Steve Borbet are looking for a first place showing for the men and a strong showing for the women.

The men's team will be facing strong competition from MIT, Coast

Guard, Bates College, Cortland and Bowdoin. "We'd certainly like to get in the top three, but our goal is to win," said Borbet. "We'd like to score 70 to 80 points. We hope that's enough to win."

Roger Gill and Jerry Canada will be defending their ECAC titles in the 400-meter dash and the 500-meter respectively, which they won as freshmen last year. Gill also placed second in the 200-meter dash last year and could possibly place first this year.

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