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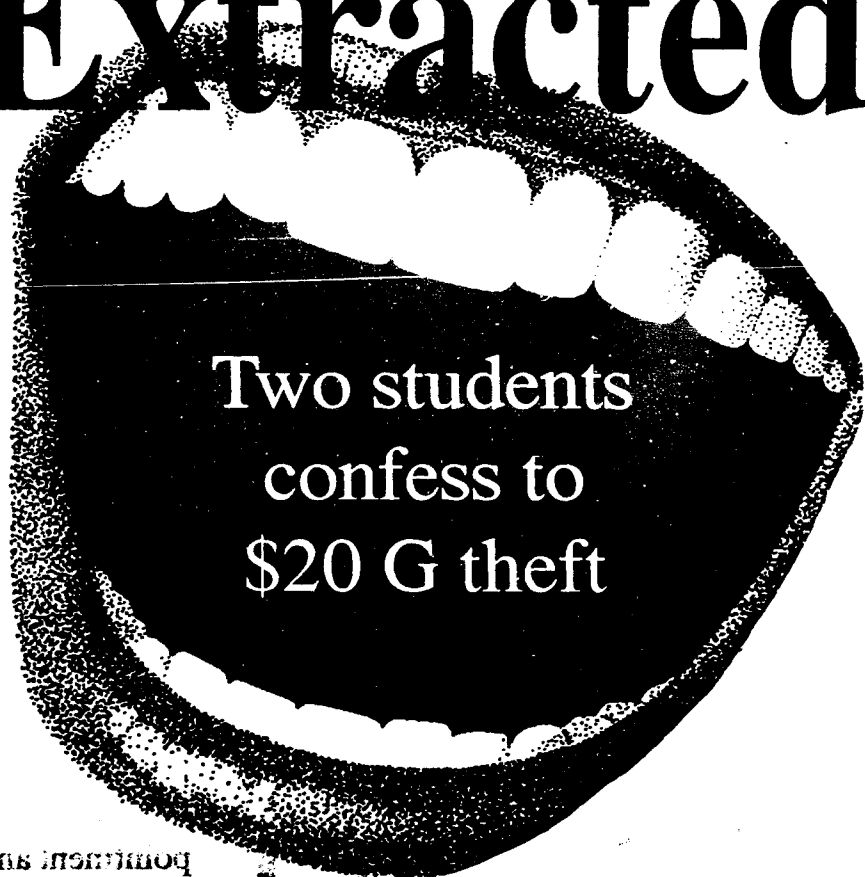
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Dental Equipment

Extracted



By Krista DeMaria
Statesman Staff Writer

Two Stony Brook dental students were arrested Friday after confessing to stealing approximately \$20,000 of assorted dental equipment.

Domenick Coletti, 23, of Port Jefferson Station, and Anthony Peluso, 22, of South Ozone Park, Queens, were charged with third degree grand larceny and arraigned on Saturday, according to Sixth Squad Det. Jack French of the Suffolk County police.

"Two dental chairs and various dental tools were stolen over a period of probably a month," French said. "It seems that they were going to put it away for their own dental practice."

The students were taking equipment — including dental chairs worth \$5,000 to \$7,000 each — that were being temporarily stored in the hallway and bringing it to their home where they and three other dental students

live, according to fellow student Tom Giusto.

"Apparently they thought they could get away with it," he said.

Giusto, who is a first-year student, said he feels the two second year students will probably get expelled from the university.

Philius Garant, dean of the Stony Brook dental school for 12 years, said that a committee would meet later this week to decide what will happen to the students and if they will be expelled from the dental school program.

"I can't tell you for sure, but I doubt very much that they will be allowed to continue here," Garant said.

French, however, said he feels that the students

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, MARCH 9

Town Meeting. Polity sponsors this forum, open to all students, staff and faculty, featuring President John Marburger on arming Public Safety officers. 8 pm, Student Union Ballroom.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Noon-time Concert Series. One hour of performances by various ensembles at the Staller Center for the Arts, 12 pm.

University Counseling Center Group Shop Workshop. "Study Skills." Concretize, discuss and apply a one-page "Study Self-Management Guide," designed to help participants develop better study habits. Pre-registration required, 12 pm.

"Language and the Sexes," Women's History Month lecture featuring Frank Anshen, associate professor of linguistics at the Psychology A building, room 261. Call 632-7777.

University Distinguished Lecture Series. "Unspeakable Things Unspoken: Ghosts and Memories in African-American Women's Identity," a lecture by Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, historian author. Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts, 8 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Names Project. Panel workshop for the AIDS Memorial Quilt from 11 am to 5 pm in the Student Union Bi-level. Call 632-6828

St. Patrick's Day Race. Participants of the 2 mile "tune up" meet during Campus Life Time, 12:40 pm in the Sports Complex.

The Crime Scene. Forum on communication between the press and police sources. Guests will include *Newsday* police reporter Michael Slackman, *News Radio 88* reporter Doug Spiro, representatives from the Suffolk County Police Department, Public Safety and student journalists. Sponsored by the Stony Brook Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists. 8 pm, Student Union Auditorium.

Ethnicity in the New America. Carlos Hortas, professor and dean at Hunter College speaks on multi-culturalism and education at the Melville Library E-4340, 4:30 pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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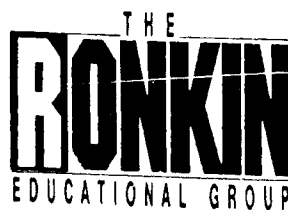
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40 brawl outside Benedict College

By Michael Lyons
Statesman Assistant Photo Editor

More than 40 students — many armed with sticks — were involved in a brawl outside of Benedict College early Friday morning.

No injuries were reported to Public Safety, but several witnesses of the fight, which started at an off-campus nightclub, said several were treated at University Hospital for injuries.

Public Safety responded to a fire alarm at Benedict College and came across a

“large group of people fighting between G and H Quad,” officials said.

According to Public Safety Lt. Robert Swan, a fire box was pulled in Benedict College at 4:25 am. Responding officers found no trace of fire or smoke, but a Benedict resident, who chose to remain anonymous, said the fire alarm was caused by residents of another building in an attempt to “flush out” Benedict residents for a fight.

“[The brawl] was definitely not spontaneous because at least 25 guys had sticks.

You don’t bring sticks out with you during a fire drill,” said Benedict resident assistant Delmus Rowley, who witnessed the incident.

Rowley said he and resident assistant Michael Lanzilotta witnessed Public Safety officers watching the fight from “beginning to end, without making their presence known.”

But Lt. Steven Streicher, Public Safety supervisor, said the officers did not respond because “two officers are not going to walk into the middle of a fight to break

it up, so they called for backup.”

No arrests were made.

According to several anonymous sources, the fight had originated in the parking lot outside of Spanky’s, a nightclub in Stony Brook. A group of students started brawling after a resident of Benedict College had his nose broken by someone in the parking lot.

The two groups involved clashed again in the HSC Emergency room, where several injured in the fight had gone to receive medical attention, according to the sources.

Motorcyclist injured in campus crash

By Scott Joachim
Statesman Associate News Editor

A motorcyclist was injured on campus in a collision with another vehicle Thursday evening, Public Safety officials said.

Officials would not comment on the extent of injuries to the driver of the Suzuki motorcycle — which collided with a compact car near Tabler Quad — but Public Safety officer Todd Stumpf said the driver was conscious when he arrived on the scene.

“He was sitting up,” said Andy Troisi, a food service worker who witnessed the incident at the intersection of North Loop road and Tabler roadway at about 5:30 pm. “His leg was hurt a little.”

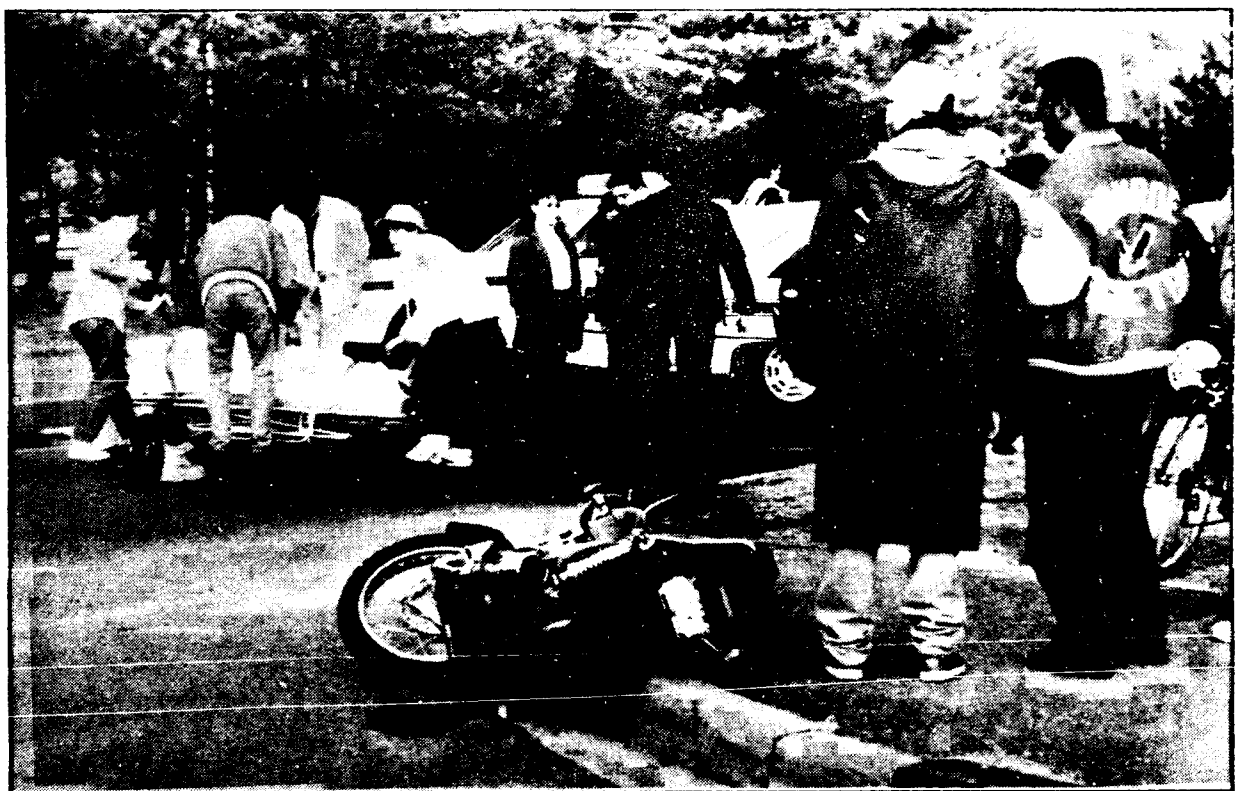
Public Safety officials said the driver of the car that hit the motorcycle was not negligent and did not sustain any injuries.

But the injured motorcyclist was issued a summons by campus police, said officer Fred Seifried. He said he did not know what violations were issued.

But Troisi, who said he saw the accident, said the motorcyclist was not at fault. He said the woman who was driving the car did not yield to the biker — who he said had the right of way — and made a left turn, hitting the motorcycle.

Seifried said at least five Public Safety officers arrived on the scene and notified Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps immediately.

The motorcycle sustained damage to the rear brake lights and minor damage to the body of the bike.



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University announces commuter lot changes

By Michael Lyons
Statesman Assistant Photo Editor

In response to commuter students' concerns about the inadequate conditions in the South P-lot, the university announced plans last week to make improvements to the lot.

The university intends to relocate service offices into buildings in South P-lot, the main commuter lot, to increase the accessibility of the offices, said Herb Petty, assistant director of the department of transportation. "Housing groups in South P will improve safety conditions," he said.

There are also plans to install surveillance cameras in South-P, Petty said.

The university plans to improve the appearance of South P-lot by planting 53 trees, using federal grant money received through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, said William Mausling, campus landscape architect. The project is scheduled to be completed before commencement in May, he said. This is all part of an "overall master plan to improve the entire area," said Mausling.

Sean Spiller, commuter student association vice president expressed concern that the South P-lot emergency blue light phone — used to contact police during emergencies — has been broken the entire semester.

According to Spiller, commuter students feel that the university is not doing enough about the road conditions in and around South P. Polity Vice President Tom Pye expressed concern that administrators might not be focusing on the right things. "You see nice flowers around the administration building while the academic buildings are surrounded by crabgrass. Every time they plant flowers, it is like putting a band-aid on a cut-off arm," said Pye. Commuters expressed their concerns over the level of



Sean Spiller

safety at South P and other commuter issues at a Polity sponsored town meeting during Campus Life Time in the Student Union last Wednesday.

Commuter Student Association (CSA) President William Boulter announced plans to move the commuter college from the Student Union basement to the Union Bi-level. According to Boulter, "the Bi-level would be very suited for commuter college, as an interim location until the Union moves [to Central Hall]." Student Activities Director Carmen Vazquez offered the CSA use of the top floor of the Bi-level only, according to Boulter.

"Although town meetings are important, student involvement is the key. Without the students input, student leaders cannot represent students on these issues," said commuter Richard Cole, a Polity senator.

The next town meeting is scheduled for Monday in the Student Union Fireside Lounge, focusing on prospects of arming Public Safety officers. Polity Sophomore Representative Nadia Chanza, the event's organizer, said this meeting "will be the last chance for students to voice their opinions on whether or not Public Safety should be armed."

Dental students confess to \$20 G theft

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should be allowed to finish the year out. "I think that since the stuff was recovered there will be no jail time, but probation," French said. "It's unfortunate because they seem like nice kids."

After Public Safety received a tip that equipment was being stolen from the school, surveillance cameras were set up to catch the thieves, French said.

The crime came as a surprise to Garant and to the students of the dental school.

"No one had any idea and it definitely came as a shock to everyone," said student Tom Giusto.

"It's tragic and I really don't know what was going through their minds," said Garant. "This is the first time in my 12 years here that I have dealt with something like this."

The students each face a class D felony.

If convicted they face four to seven years in prison.

"It's a shame because they damaged their future and they were trying to avoid family expense," French said.

But Garant said the two students were misguided and he finds this news very disturbing.

When asked if he had thoughts of what would happen to the dental students he said, "I don't know the outcome, but they


showed unprofessional conduct."

Coletti and Peluso could not be reached for comment.

Court dates have not yet been scheduled for either student.

David Joachim's NEWS VIEWS
will return next Monday.

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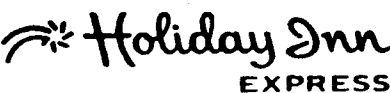
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200 protest rumored cuts to Africana program

By Jason Didner
Statesman Assistant News Editor

More than 200 students gathered at the Fine Arts Plaza Thursday in protest of rumors that the university may cut the African Studies program.

State budget cuts — projected as high as \$12 million to Stony Brook — led students to fear for the Africana Studies program, which is "on a shoe-string budget," said Oral Muir, president of the UNIFI Culture Center, the group that organized the rally.

But Provost Tilden Edelstein said rumors that the program is in any danger are false.

Edelstein — who was honored by University President Marburger Thursday in a convocation at Staller Center — agreed to speak to the students before the convocation.

"We represent a key essential part of multiculturalism," said Africana Studies Professor William McAdoo. "We stand as a monument against racism, against anti-semitism . . . and against sexism."

Edelstein told the students Africana Studies has nothing to fear. "There's nothing truthful about the fact that anything's going to happen to Africana Studies in terms of retrenching faculty or staff," he said. "There's no proposal to disband the Africana Studies." The crowd that gathered outside the Fine Arts Center applauded him when he said his interest was in "enriching the program, rather than slicing it up." Edelstein said the effort to upgrade the Africana Studies program to department status will continue.

Students accepted Edelstein's promises with skepticism.

"I'll be satisfied when they are put into action," said Lakesha Whaley, a sophomore psychology student. "Words are just words."

Edelstein "was just rehearsing a speech that he made up because he had to give the students something they wanted to hear," said Samantha Harry, freshman astronomy major. "And unless [his promise] is put into action, they're going to have more rallies like this."

Students also questioned Edelstein about tuition increases, differential tuition — a proposed plan to impose a higher tuition at SUNY's University Centers than smaller colleges, including Stony Brook — and changes in financial aid.

"The questions sort of blended in," said Muir. "Tuition, everything. It all goes together. It's not just black students [who are concerned]. It's all students."

Most of the protestors attended Edelstein's convocation after the rally.

"Finally we have a provost that knows how to get an audience," quipped University President John Marburger, referring to the auditorium that was filled to capacity. "All you have to do is spread a rumor that you're going to cut a popular program."

Marburger maintained that "Africana Studies is not on the chopping block."



Edelstein addresses crowd of 200 in the Fine Arts Plaza Thursday

Statesman/Brian King

"Africana Studies is not on the chopping block."

— University President
John Marburger

Marburger commended Edelstein for doing a difficult job as provost. "He's had to play the role of a budget cutter, a prioritizer, a maker of tough decisions."

Africana Studies is "a small program and serves an essential purpose in the university," Marburger told *Statesman*. "Nobody has suggested cutting Africana Studies."

Edelstein — whose own field of study is African-American history — entitled his convocation speech "Over the Rainbow," and said it would focus on multi-culturalism and diversity. He said there has been an ongoing war in the media for multi-cultural education. "On campus, the war is over. Multi-culturalism won," he said.

Polity President Dan Slepian said Edelstein's speech will have a positive effect on the program. "It's good that he said it in front of a bunch of people who will hold the university accountable," he said.

"It was certainly encouraging to know that there is support for women's studies and Africana studies," said Women's Studies professor Judith Wishnia. "Dr. Edelstein's heart is in the right place, but I'm afraid that the university may lose its diversity because of the budget crisis."



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Editorial

Polity Election Reforms Are Necessary

Kudos to the Polity Senate for attempting to revise an outdated election process.

The formation of a six-member committee to reform Polity's election bylaws is a symbol that Stony Brook will yield to change, albeit belated.

The introduction of a new process would provide our university with some credibility — credibility already enjoyed by many institutions.

The current system allows plenty of room for fraud: ballot stuffing, cheating and the like. Last year, the Common Sense party, a student-based political party that unsuccessfully challenged several Polity incumbents, alleged that the election board corruptly disqualified them. There were even allegations made that booth-watchers were swaying voters — in essence, choosing candidates for them.

This is a travesty to the electoral process about which our country prides itself. A new and improved electoral process on campus should

eliminate the doubts as to the verity of the process. Otherwise, the average university student may be encouraged not to vote. Last year, there was a 15 percent voter turnout. Was the election process to blame? Did it pose doubts to students' mind, causing them not to vote? Maybe not. But maybe it did.

Whether there was fraudulent voting behavior is no longer an issue. But those in charge of outlining election procedures have a duty to future candidates in assuring a fair election process.

The status quo offers students no democracy — no assured fairness. It's an antiquated mode of pick and choose. If nothing else, the new era of technology should indicate to us that a change is necessary. Moreover, we have the means by which to initiate a change.

A system using voting booths could be implemented. In this way, we would be allowing technology a chance at facilitating a much-

needed reform. This system is more accurate and less prone to manipulation. Granted, it may be expensive and Polity may have to be flexible by adding to the number of days students can vote, but at least the election will be undisputed.

Students should not be limited to a one-day voting mandate. There were students without classes on the allotted day who never knew an election was going on. A three-day process — modeled after several other SUNY schools — would be more logical, expanding the accessibility of the process.

And lastly, if an effort is being made to change the electoral process, students need to concert their efforts at educating themselves about the candidates. Voting blindly is as bad as stuffing ballots. Students have to exercise their rights on campus and on the grander scale wisely and responsibly. Find out who stands for what. Help to promote the democratic system.



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Campus Life, People and Events

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Keeping the dorms clean day and night

By Daniel Cook
Statesman Staff Writer

THEY ARE RARELY SEEN AT WORK, but their efforts are evident. They transform your pigsty into a dormitory before you awaken. They maintain our quality of life.

These are the members of the custodial services branch of the Division of Campus Residences. This squadron of men and women keep Stony Brook students' homes away from home clean and liveable.

"We have 75 employees, plus supervisors, covering 42 buildings across campus, from 6 am to 10 pm," said Eileen Cook, assistant director of custodial services. And when she says "covering," she means it.

Custodial services boasts a 65 member day shift, who bang out their daily routine with the precision and expertise gained through years of experience. Hands-on leaders also help to maintain higher standards in the service. May Rezak, G-Quad supervisor, is one of those leaders with her hands full of responsibility and a heart full of pride.

"I've been here 24 years and we're better than ever, knock wood," said Rezak. "We've got better equipment and great kids and most of us have raised enough kids of our own so that there's nothing we can't handle."

She takes great pride in her staff and how they perform. "I can't speak for other places on campus, but, I've got a great group of people who love kids and the kids love them," said Rezak.

Even with the usual complaints about dorm conditions, they are still appreciated. "They do a better job than I could or would," said Will Leong, a Dewey College resident.

"It's usually our fault if something doesn't get



Co-workers Della Nichols and May Rezak

Statesman/Michael Lyons

cleaned," said Dusan Todorovic, another Dewey resident. "We either forget to move our stuff out of the bathroom or we're too lazy to get up and open the door when they knock."

It's not all early mornings for the cleaning crews, though. Custodial services' evening shift, a.k.a. the "Flying Crew" is available for late day clean-ups. Joan Scott supervises this squad of mobile technicians.

In addition to maintaining the cleanliness and health standards in Roosevelt, Roth and Tabler cafeterias and the weight rooms, the evening staffers are the first line of defense in a custodial emergency situation. They've got the training the equipment and the know-how to get the job done and Stony Brook is their jurisdiction.

"We handle anything and everything," said Scott. "We can be on the scene in ten minutes with everything we need to handle the situation in our van."

The "Flying Crew" was on the scene for the Kelly quad floods in 1989 and they provided immediate assistance in the clean-up of Dreiser college two weeks ago after a fire gutted a room in the building's A-wing.

"We are the team that provides the emergency service to the residents of the campus as well," said Scott.

"If there is a flood or back-up in one of the suites or a hall restroom, we get the call," Scott said. "We will come if there is any kind of need or health hazard." Prior to ten o'clock week-nights the "Flying Crew" will speed to the rescue with garbage bags, brooms, a heaven sent roll of toilet tissue or the necessary toxic waste disposal apparatus to aid the rare student who has indulged a bit too much and chosen to share his mirth with his closest friends and their



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IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Eric Newmark, campus vendor, shares the wealth with a hungry dog by feeding him a pretzel near Javits Lecture Center

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CAMPUS VOICES

By Michael Lyons

Question of the Week:

What was the biggest mistake you made as a freshman?



"Not getting fake ID."

Christina Salak, 18
Class: Freshman
Major: Undecided

"I started skipping classes. I never stopped."

Jim McGonigle, 21
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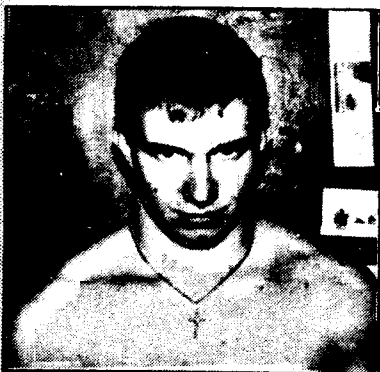


"Going steady with a guy. I shouldn't have tied myself down."

Debbie Egger, 20
Junior
Liberal Arts

"Almost dropping out with out giving college life a chance."

Richie Canderazzi, 19
Freshman
Undecided



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Tips to Avoid the Horrors of AIDS and STDs

LONG ISLAND HAS more people with AIDS than any other American suburb." This is the title of an educational booklet published by the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC). Did you know that the percentage of AIDS cases attributed to male-female sexual transmission is higher on Long Island than nationally? Furthermore, by the year 2,000, the AIDS virus will infect 30 million to 40 million persons worldwide.

With these facts, why do many people still perceive themselves as immune? Moreover, since more than 10 years can pass before someone shows any sign of infection, what makes some people believe they possess some kind of mystical power that enables them to choose safe partners?

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Condoms: Ancient art reveals that Egyptian men embellished their penises with decorative sheaths. The true reason for this is not known. Gaknello Fallopius in the 16th century is given credit for discovering that a linen sheath worn over the

penis could prevent the spread of syphilis. These later lost popularity because they were designed with bows at either end, which caused discomfort.

In the 18th century Casanova popularized lamb-skin condoms made from the large intestine of lambs. Many believe the condom was introduced many years later, by Sir Condom, (yes, you read it right), a physician to King Charles II, to limit the number of his illegitimate offspring.

Today, latex condoms are made from sap of Malaysian trees, which is converted into liquid latex and then processed to make it stronger and more stable. Animal or skin condoms are still made from the membrane that covers the large intestine of lambs. Skin condoms are porous and allow the AIDS virus and other microorganisms through; however, sperm cannot get through most of the time.

In order for a condom to be effective, there are two prerequisites:

Use it every single time: You don't have to like or not like condoms. If you are going to be sexually active, you don't have a choice. Give yourself permission to use and experiment with rubbers. Fill one up with water; you'd be surprised to see how much it can hold. Allow yourself to be awkward at first. If you make a mistake, start over. Remember, practice makes perfect.

Use it correctly: Stop by the Student Health Service to pick up the booklet "Correct Condom Use." It is important to note that use of any oil-based lubricant with a condom will weaken the rubber and allow the AIDS virus to pass through.

Other important considerations: Before becoming intimate with anyone, get to know where their values lie (literally speaking). Know if they have ever been with anyone who has had sexually transmitted disease. Remember that sexually transmitted diseases can be silent for years.

If you're allergic to rubber, use an animal skin condom against your skin.

Don't be manipulated. We've all heard stories like, "I can't find a condom that's big enough." Well unless his penis is about the size of a watermelon, it just isn't so.

Empower yourself by taking responsibility for your own sexual health. For example, acknowledge that the use of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and other recreational drugs will not only suppress your immune system, but will alter judgment in making choices for sex practices.

Avoid serial monogamy. This means that having many individual partners over a short period of time is just as unhealthy as having several partners at once. A long-term mutually monogamous relationship is the ideal.

This column is one of a bi-weekly series written by various professionals from the Student Health Service and the Faculty Student Association. Marie O. Santiago is a nurse practitioner at the SHS.

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"When they [students] police themselves, it makes it easier for everyone," Rezak said. "We really appreciate all the cooperation and compliments we get, but we love kids and we're happy to do this."



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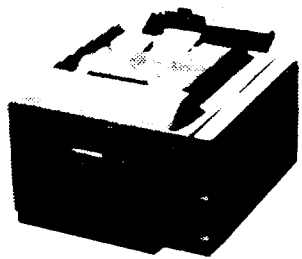
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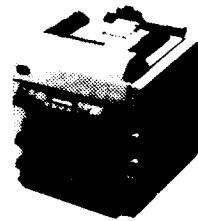
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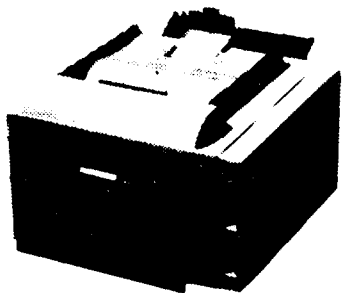
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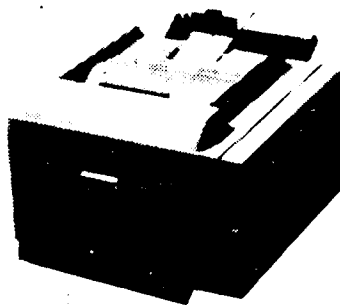
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Education: The Meeting House of Our Society

By Paul Tsongas

The following is an excerpt from Tsongas' "Call to Economic Arms."

AMERICA IN THE 1990s WILL RISE OR FALL as our public schools rise or fall. The health of our school systems is the major building block determinant of our long term economic and social viability.

Knowledge is power. Work skills are power. Real power. Real economic power. The lack of knowledge and work skills is weakness. It is economic impotence. It is the transition from greatness to irrelevance.

Knowledge and work skills are also hope. They are the only source of social mobility available to millions of our fellow citizens. They are what turns despair into hope. Only they can create true opportunity so that young people choose lives of promise over lives of personal and societal destructiveness.

Education is America's great calling.

Education, ah, education. Everyone is for it. It is the motherhood and apple pie issue of the '90s. Well, at least the rhetoric would suggest so. The reality is quite different.

Republicans talk about it. President Bush, during the campaign, said that he wanted to be known as the education President. No one would call him that two years later. Money for the Persian Gulf and Star Wars and the Stealth bomber? Sure. Money for serious funding of schools? Gee, that's really a local and state issue. Money for serious skills training for non-college bound students? Gee, that's not how we think in America.

Paul Tsongas, a former Massachusetts senator, is a Democratic presidential candidate.

Democrats love to talk about it as well. As with the Republicans, the talk is not purposefully false. It is, in fact well intentioned. But improvements in education to many Democrats only means a lot more money. It does not mean serious structural reform. Cutting edge issues like merit pay and teacher competence standards are offensive to some teacher unions and as a result some Democrats oppose them. Controversial experiments like Boston University's takeover of the Chelsea schools, national testing of high school seniors, school choice, magnet schools for young black male students, uniforms for public school students, limiting bilingual education — all make Democrats very nervous. This is not to argue that any of these ideas are valid. This is to argue that new and radical concepts need to be tested. We need an atmosphere where the search for educational excellence is an objective undiluted by consideration as to what some interest group may oppose.

Businessmen talk about education as well. They opine about how critical a well-trained and educated work force is to their survival. Some business leaders — David Kearns of Xerox and John Akers of IBM come to mind — have become national spokesmen on behalf of public education. They have put this issue at the forefront of their personal agendas and have rendered the nation a great service by doing so.

They, however, are not typical.

Go to the corporate suites of your Fortune 1000 companies and ask a very simple question of the chief executive officers and members of the board of directors. When was the last time you set foot in a public school classroom? The answers would reveal the obvious. The issue of quality public education does not enjoy the personal involvement of the very people who proclaim its

vital importance. And in some cases, they are even putting their resources toward ballot initiatives that would reduce taxes and devastate public education.

Is public education the top priority in America? Is it the vehicle to provide true opportunity for those who don't happen to be affluent? Is it the only way of having a workforce capable of competing against its international counterparts? Is it the place where our societal values are reinforced, and, sadly in some cases, introduced for the first time?

The answer to these questions must be a resolute "Yes!" resounding from coast to coast.

Yes, it means money. Real money. It means that when budget crunches come, public education is not viewed as the obvious candidate for slashing.

Today it is. As chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Regents, I saw a Democratic governor cut the public higher education budget by 22 percent from 1988 to 1990 while state appropriations as a whole increased 18 percent. Then in 1991, we found ourselves with a Republican governor whose staff was seeking ways to actually close three to five campuses. Education, thus, has been an equal opportunity candidate for bi-partisan attack. Why? Well, in Massachusetts both governors were openly pro-education in their public pronouncements. That did not prevent the bloodletting. Political realities intruded. There is one fundamental truth at work here. Students in K through 12 can't vote. And students in public colleges often don't vote. Unless these students are protected by their voting elders, in particular the business community, they are vulnerable because they have no counterattack capability.

Making public education a top priority means openness to new — even radical — notions of educational innovation. Let's criticize bold ideas after they have been found to be flawed, not before they are tested.

Voting Can Make a Difference in Government

By Jennifer Arenson

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT WHAT we could change if every person between 18 and 24 years of age went out to vote on election day. There would be more than 25 million of us at the polls, each with our own concerns and dreams, each with our own plan for the future. We've heard it said before that "one person's vote cannot make a difference," but as an activated group of young men and women, we can make a difference. We have the interest, enthusiasm, and resources. Through our activism and our votes, we really do have power and we can bring about change. We cannot afford to take democracy and the right to vote for granted. Together, we must work to be heard.

On June 30, 1971 the 26th Amendment was ratified, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. It passed more quickly than any other constitutional amendment before it, in large part because young people during the Vietnam era argued that if they were "old enough to fight," they were "old enough to vote." The same arguments are true today. Not only do we have a right and responsibility to make decisions

Jennifer Arenson, a senior at Connecticut College is an intern for the League of Women Voters.

about whether or not to go to war, we also have a right to be included in the decisions about many other issues facing our country today.

As Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, young men and women today come from a wide variety of backgrounds and political ideologies — but there are some issues that we care about

that cross these political boundaries. For example, young people are particularly concerned about the environment. From elementary school right through college, students across the country have been active in preserving the environment through boycotts and recycling campaigns. They are being active in ways which will have a lasting effect on our culture, and on the attitudes of the young and old. Recycling is becoming a habit. Now it's time for voting to become a habit, too.

We need to draw the attention of those in power to our concerns by continuing to be active on those issues we care about most. Even more importantly, we need to let them know how much we care by voting on election day. Our vote will make them take us seriously, and it is the one tool we have to make them consider our views.

In this twentieth anniversary year of

The 26th Amendment is barely 20 years old; let's prove to the public and the politicians — with our continued activism in our schools, communities, and campuses, and with our votes at the polls — that we will not be ignored. By taking advantage of the resources that are already available to us, we can really make a difference in '92.

One of the best ways to make a difference is to join together in active groups — whether it's student government, a political party, or the League of Women Voters — to work together to Take Back the System. Various leagues and other organi-

zations across the country are ready to help us organize registration drives, and where possible, help young men and women to become registrars so that we can register our friends and peers. They can provide valuable information on registration and absentee ballots in each of our states, act as a resource on a variety of issues from the environment to campaign finance reform, and support us in our efforts to become active participants in the political arena.

This year, as we celebrate 20 years of having the right to vote, let's promise to make our voices heard.

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Every Monday In Statesman

Pats use off-season to relax and improve

By Stephen Rollins
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook volleyball team is hot. In 1990, the Patriots were state champions. In 1991, they amassed a Division III record 15 straight victories, beat RIT in the nationals and fell only to perennial powerhouse San Diego, also in the nationals.

Volleyball

Now spring is upon them and they intend to use the lighter schedule to "satisfy individual goals and to polish up," according to team captain Stasia Nikas.

Practicing only twice a week and scheduled to play a six-tournaments schedule should allow the team to keep in

shape without risking burnout. Denise Rehor, the team's standout setter, will use the time to "brush up on skills and get more in tune" with the other players. The spring also gives more playing time to the team's five freshmen, who get little time during the regular fall season.

Head Coach Teri Tiso will experiment with different lineups, positions and plays. This way, she can strengthen some of the team's weaker points. She is referred to as "a great motivator," according to her players. She is "intense, demanding and aggressive" during the regular season but uses the spring season to allow personal growth.

Sophomore Sara Helmer is one who will try to improve. "I'm looking to improve my transition along the net

and hitting off of blocking," Helmer said.

Teammate Kelly Grodotzke, meanwhile, looks to improve her defensive skills. Even Nikas looks to improve her All-American form by concentrating on avoiding blockers.

Enthusiasm is high among the players, led by sophomore Jill Pessoni. Pessoni, the team's best defensive player, took All-State honors last season. Her teammates expect her to once again step up to the forefront. Reinforcing Pessoni's presence is Janna Kuhner, who took All-Regional honors last season.

The volleyball team seems poised for another successful season. Their off-season, coupled with their team chemistry should continue to dazzle the crowd.

Patriots clinch quarterfinals with win

ECACs from back page

utes after the opening tip.

But although the Patriots seemed to show the effects of a two-week lay-off, they managed to take a 30-25 lead into the locker room on the wings of Smith's scoring dominance and guard Ricky Wardally's rebounding prowess.

The all-star Smith, who needed 28 points to set an all-time Stony Brook men's career scoring mark entering the game, tallied 15 in the first stanza. "We were in sync during the first half," Smith said. "All we had to do was duplicate it for the second half."

Wardally, on the other hand, led all players in rebounds at the half by recording five of his game-total six. "I was so hyped," Wardally said. "It's playoff time."

Unfortunately, the Patriots seemed to forget what time it was at the start of the second half as they allowed the Roadrunners to take their lead away.

Junior forward Tim Brown, who heads Ramapo's offense, scored four points in a 13-2 run to give the Roadrunners a 38-35 lead. But it was halted momentarily when Brown fouled Wardally and the referee meted out a subsequent technical foul against Ferguson.

Successive one-point baskets by Wardally and Smith, who shot the technical, were good and the Patriots reclaimed the edge, 42-38.

The leads changed hands six times thereafter, setting the stage for the cliffhanger with 44 seconds left in the

game.

"I knew they could do it," said Patriot Head Coach Bernard Tomlin. "It was do or die and they did a great job."

"We stuck together," said Cunningham, one of the night's unsung heroes. "It was a dog fight. Two more like that and we'll be alright."

The Patriot victory allows them to advance to the semifinals against second-seeded Glassboro State on Wednesday. A win against Glassboro State will carry

them to the finals and a right to fight for potentially their second ECAC title in three years.

Smith finished with a game-high 24 points and now needs four to surpass Earl Keith's record of 1,793 career points.

Wardally scored 13 and senior shooting guard Mike Francis had 10.

"I knew we were going to win," Francis said. "It was destiny."

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Senk aims to surpass 1991 success

By Jeremy Krevat
Statesman Staff Writer

With the Stony Brook baseball team coming off its best season — 7-3 in the Skyline Conference and 16-9 overall — in recent years, it is exciting to think about what Head Coach Matt Senk will do in only his second year at the helm.

Senk joined the Stony Brook staff after spending three years as the head coach at Kellenberg Memorial High School. There, Senk proved he had a winning touch as he coached his team to both the league and division championships. He eventually assumed the head skipper status with the Patriots, who had undergone tumultuous and varied regimes: with the insertion of Senk, the Patriots team had its third coach in a span of one

Baseball

year.

Despite the disadvantage of shortened pre-season training, Senk proved he can win at the college level. And this year, he will have the help of new assistant coaches Don Wilsey and Sal Azzariti.

Wilsey, a Stony Brook alumni, will coach first base;

"We do have the players to win. If they work hard and play together, it's up to them how far we will go."

— USB Coach Matt Senk

Azzariti is an undergraduate assistant whom Senk refers to as "my right hand man."

Senk is also excited about some of the new players on this year's squad. Transfer Evan Karabelas has impressed his new coach. "He is a very strong athlete and he loves the game," Senk said.

The strength and accuracy of the two freshmen pitchers, Mike Rogertson and Chris Schneider has convinced their coach. The new and young, combined with the veterans, indicate promise for Senk.

Senior Bill Zagger, who hit .437 last season — ranking him 30th in the nation — will continue to solidify the team offensively and defensively. Bill Wilk, who was selected as a second team All-Skyline Conference pitcher, is also returning.

With a strengthened pitching staff, the infield will also contain a solid nucleus. Second baseman Vin Autera, and shortstop Kenny Kortright made Stony Brook 19th in the nation in turning the double play.

The offense should also be stronger than last season. The Patriots finished fourth in the nation in doubles and 10th in runs scored. The team's schedule has also been upgraded with the addition of 10 more games. And the head coach is aiming for a conference title and a berth in the post-season tournament.

"We do have the players to win," Senk said. "If they work hard and play together, it's up to them how far we will go."

The team will see how far it can go with the season-opener on March 31st against Western Connecticut.

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Women Are Cause to Celebrate

NOW THAT WE'RE A MONTH REMOVED from all the hype and perhaps non-hype of the 1992 Winter Games, it's time to look back, reassess and see who really made the US look good.

Bonnie Blair, Kristi Yamaguchi and Nancy Kerrigan dazzled and dazzled their ways into our TV screens and our hearts, making us proud they were chosen to represent us.

And it is fitting that during this month of March — when we celebrate women's contributions in sports — this column is dedicated to all the women, who like the USA Olympians, have etched their marks.

First locally, we can examine the fine works of Teri Tiso, Judy Christ and Sue Ryan.

Tiso was honored as the Northeast Region Coach of the Year this year as she led her team to the volleyball NCAA Final Four.

Christ was the recipient of the VIP/*Statesman* Coach of the Year for turning her softball squad from a subpar 12-14 performer in 1990 to a 16-9 team ranked fourth in the state in 1991.

And Ryan, she heads the only women's Division I program on campus. The model that she is setting serves as a guideline for the other women programs as Stony Brook attempts a wide-scale departmental reclassification.

Historically, names like Babe Didrikson, Billie Jean King, Toni Stone, Linda Carpenter and Vivian Acosta have solidified their niche.

Didrikson was named Woman Athlete of the First Half of the 20th Century by an AP poll. She excelled in

all sports she tried, illustrating her versatility, first as a track and field Olympian in 1932, then as a basketball player and then as a world-class golfer.

After the Olympics, Didrikson learned to play golf and would dominate the sport by winning every major women's golf championships including the US amateur championships in 1936; the world championships from 1948-'51; and the US Women's Open in 1948, 1950 and 1954.

Didrikson, indeed, pioneered the road for women in athletics. Her heroic feats have yet to be matched by an athlete today.

King disproved Bob Fisher's theory that any man can defeat a world-class player in the sport of tennis. King's victory over Fisher commanded attention and admission that maybe, just maybe, women can hold their own in something as seemingly sex-skewed as sport.

Stone was a professional second basewoman who played for the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro League. She was the only woman to ever reach the top level of any baseball league.

Carpenter and Acosta are relatively new key figures, but deserve high praises nonetheless for their courage in questioning the norm.

Carpenter and Acosta, physical education professors, filed a suit against Brooklyn College in December of 1990. They complained that the college violated Title IX, a 1972 statute prohibiting sexual discrimination by schools and colleges receiving federal funds. Their complaint has been upheld by federal civil rights officials, forcing Brooklyn College to implement broad reforms within its system.

That Brooklyn College is making an attempt to change hints some promise. And perhaps the consequence of Carpenter's and Acosta's actions will warn other institutions which practice implicit and explicit prejudices to stop.

Lastly, I must pay homage to the women scribes, especially Robin Herman.

Herman is considered the first woman reporter to enter a male locker room in professional sports. In 1975, she received an assignment from her employers, *The New York Times*, to cover the National Hockey League All-Star game in Montréal. The magnitude of the NHL occasion was upstaged by Herman, who made heads turn and eyes double look, simply because she was a woman "infiltrating" a male locker room.

Herman was forced to become the focal point amid the flutter and excitement. Fellow reporters demanded quotes from her; photographers flashed their cameras at her. And Herman, the consummate professional, took it all with the ease and grace characteristic of all classy individuals.

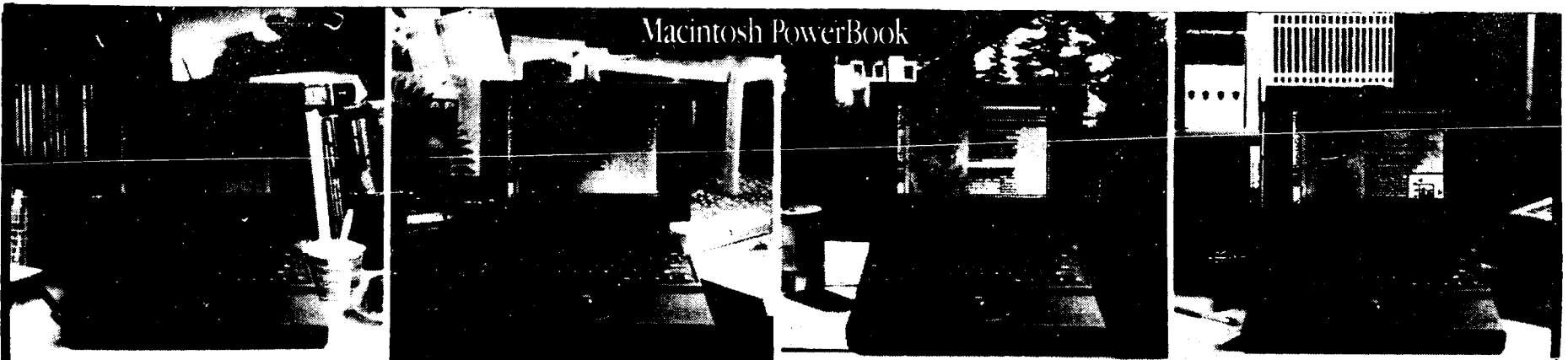
By opening the door of the hockey locker room that evening, Herman figuratively opened the door of sportsjournalism for people like me. She had revolutionized the market with one simple question, one simple gesture and one brave but not-so-simple endeavor.

It is the overcoming of not-so-simple endeavors that have defined women in sports. They have been receptive to the challenge and have managed to tackle adversity. This ability is testament to women's resiliency and women's overwhelming strength. And this month of March, the nation pays a most deserving tribute. So to all the Didriksons and Hermans of the world, thank you.



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Sports

PATRIOT PLAYS

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

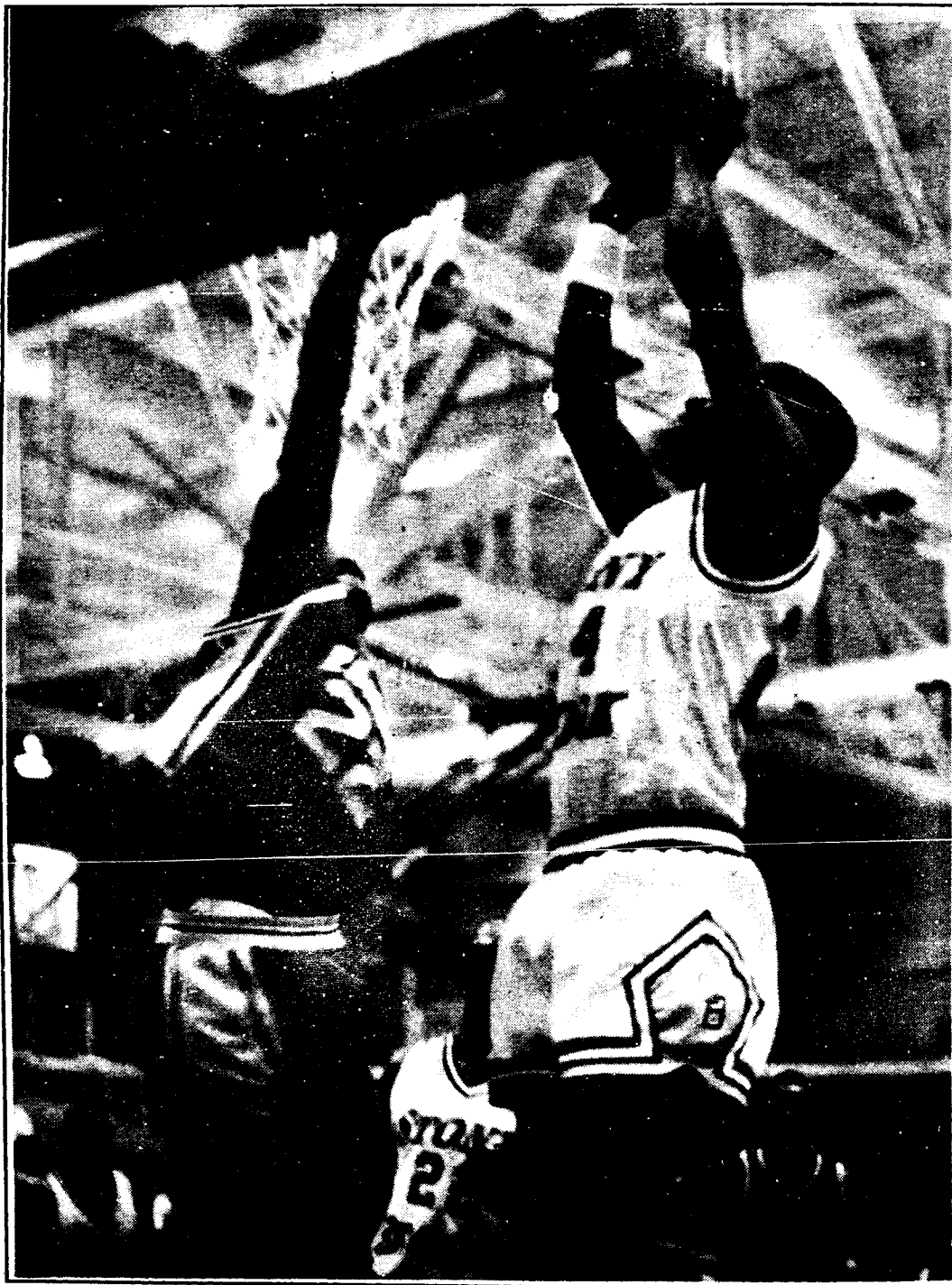
Lacrosse at Princeton:
Sunday, March 15, 2 pm.

Men's Tennis at M'ville:
Saturday, March 21, 1 pm.

1 DOWN 2 To Go

Patriots win quarterfinal nailbiter to advance to ECAC semifinals

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Editor



Patriot Michel Lamine posts up against Ramapo's Rick Ferguson Saturday night

Statesman/John O'Keefe

The difference between sudden disappointment and sudden jubilation was 30 seemingly endless seconds.

In a 30-second span Saturday night at the Indoor Sports Complex, the Patriots men's basketball team clinched a nailbiting ECAC Quarterfinal victory over the Ramapo Roadrunners, 64-63.

Men's Basketball	
Patriots:	64
Ramapo:	63

It was a 62-61 Patriot advantage with only 44.1 seconds remaining. Captain Emeka Smith was triple-teamed at halfcourt resulting in a turnover. This meant that the Roadrunners had possession, with the shot clock in their favor.

Ramapo guard Rick Ferguson stood at the key to set up what could have been the decisive basket. He penetrated the paint, made his way under the net and attempted a pass to teammate Jay

McDuffie. But the pass was intercepted. Patriot forward Pat Cunningham pressured Ferguson, facilitating the Vernard Williams interception with only 14.2 seconds left in the game. In a matter of half a minute, the Patriots had won, lost and won again.

"I was worried with the time running down," Williams said, describing the key play of the night. "I thought possibly [Ramapo] would get a good

shot. I could see [Ferguson] was starting inside and I kind of anticipated it. Pat was there. He pressured and forced Ferguson."

The exhilarating last minute of play belies the sluggishness both teams seemed to exhibit at the start of the game. The first point of the night was off a Ramapo foul shot, notched three min-

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